

# Raymond A. Vinson Scholarship Fund Application

All Documents Due  
**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**



Before his death in 1992, educator Raymond A. Vinson was a nationally known credit union pioneer. He helped form more than 40 Florida credit unions (including the Duval County Teachers Credit Union, founded in 1935, now Community First Credit Union of Florida). Vinson's legacy of dedication, compassion and commitment to the credit union movement will forever touch lives. To honor Raymond A. Vinson, Community First annually awards scholarships annually to five college freshmen up to \$8,000 (\$2,000 annually per student, renewable for four years).

Requirements: **Fill out and return the scholarship application with all supporting documentation by March 1** to be considered for the scholarship

## Eligible Applicants will:

- Be a member or dependent of a member of Community First Credit Union with an account in good standing for at least one year.
- Be a high school senior student entering college at the application deadline.
- Demonstrate leadership ability and financial need.
- Attend a two-or-four-year public or private accredited college or university, preferably within the State of Florida.
- Have a high school grade point average of at least 3.0 (unweighted)
- Fill out and return the scholarship application by March 1.
- Recipient may continue the scholarship on an annual basis until graduation, not to exceed four years. A GPA of or at least 2.5 the freshman year and 3.0 each succeeding year are required for continued eligibility.

## Selection Criteria:

- Academic Qualifications: A copy of your High school Transcript**
- Financial Need**  
Applicants must include **completed free application for Federal Student Aid.**
- Interview**
- Essay**  
**200-word essay** explaining how the scholarship will help the applicant attain his or her educational and financial goals, "How this scholarship will help me achieve my financial goals."
- Two Letters of recommendation**  
Applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from two of the following people: high school principal, teacher, or guidance counselor; religious or civic leader; and/or a current or former employer.
- Community and Leadership Activities**  
Honors and Awards

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The following section is to be completed by your high a school guidance counselor.\*  
\*INCLUDE TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL COURSES, GRADES 9 — 12.

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:** Type/print the information requested. **Include copies** of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid; financial award letter** from the college or university (if available); **letters of recommendation** from two of the following people: high school principal, teacher or guidance counselor; religious or civic leader; and/or current or former employer and **High School Transcript. You must also submit a 200-word essay explaining, "How this scholarship will help me achieve my financial goals."**

Please direct questions about the Vinson Scholarship to Paula Basihan at Community First Credit Union, 904.371.7921.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print) Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Union Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Membership? \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities** List activities in which you have participated (clubs organizations, leadership positions, community activities, employment, etc.). If more space is needed, you may submit one additional typed page.

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs/Wk \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

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**Honors & Awards** List any recognition you have received.

Honors and Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

College Applied to (1st Choice) \_\_\_\_\_ College Applied to (2nd Choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Financial Need (Attach additional information as needed)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Household Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Dependents in Household \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Scholarships** List any other scholarships you have applied for.

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Granted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Granted \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Unweighted High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
(Grades 9 - 12)

ACT \_\_\_\_\_

**Also Supply One of the Following:**

SAT \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Highest Math \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Highest Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_

H.S. Guidance Counselor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement**

**For Applicant:** I hereby certify all information submitted in this application is true and correct. I understand that the Vinson Scholarship is a need-based award, and should I become the recipient of this award if my financial need to pay for college expenses described in this application no longer exist for any reason or if financial aid (other than loans covering college expenses) is provided to the extent that I can no longer use these funds to pay for college expenses, I will inform Community First Credit Union and may forfeit my right to this scholarship so that it can be awarded to the next eligible need-based candidate.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission Checklist**

- Vinson Scholarship application completed & signed
- Copy of High School Transcript
- Copy of application for Federal Student Aid
- Copy of financial award letter from the college or university (if available)
- Two letters of recommendation
- 200-word essay

**Submit all documents by March 1 to:**  
Community First Credit Union Scholarship  
P.O. Box 2600  
Jacksonville, Florida 32232