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2012 Scholarship Application

Education First CU will be awarding **five academic scholarships for \$2,000 each** this year. All of our scholarship applications will also be forwarded to the Central Ohio Chapter of Credit Unions for the opportunity to receive one of **six additional scholarships for \$1,000 each**. If you receive a scholarship from the Central Ohio Chapter of Credit Unions, your application may be chosen to participate in the statewide scholarship program sponsored by the Ohio Credit Union Foundation, which awards **four \$2,500 scholarships**.

All applicants must: (1) **provide a complete application by the deadline**, (2) **be a current member of Education First Credit Union**, (3) **provide current high school transcripts**, and (4) **be a senior in high school preparing to attend college**.

Please return your completed application to **Education First Credit Union**, 399 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215 by **February 18, 2012**. Your completed application must be postmarked or received at our office by February 18, 2012. This form may be reproduced on a computer.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Current GPA _____ Birth date _____

High school you attend _____

Post-secondary institutions you have applied to for the upcoming school year include:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian is required for applicants under age 18:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

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PART 1

Please type your responses to the following questions. Limit your response to the questions in Part 1 to no more than two typewritten pages (double spaced).

1. Please list your community and/or school activities, and your employment history.
2. Why are you applying for this scholarship and how is it consistent with your educational/career/life goals?
3. In addition to scholarships, how do you plan to finance the rest of your education? How can a credit union help you?

PART 2 (Essay)

Please answer the following essay question by attaching your typed, double-spaced response. (*Essay should be no longer than four pages, and we strongly encourage creativity.*)

4. Daily money management choices directly impact your financial future. In most instances, we never get to practice making the “right” choice. Finances 101, an online financial reality game created by credit unions, allows users to experience real-life financial decisions in a virtual world.

As a scholarship applicant, spend time playing the Finances 101 game and answer the essay question below. The essay can be written in first or third person and should refer to concepts taught during the Finances 101 game. Entries should be typed, double-spaced, and no longer than four pages.

Finances 101 - www.finances101thegame.org

How can strong money management skills help an individual establish a stable financial future?