

## 2014 Northwest Georgia Credit Union Progressive Leader Scholarship

Northwest Georgia Credit Union is proud to offer the Northwest Georgia Credit Union Progressive Leader Scholarship. The credit union movement was founded by innovative leaders who strongly believed that the banking industry was not serving the people as it should. Financial services were too costly and the power to influence decisions was kept in the hands of the highest depositors. This spurred an international grassroots movement started by a handful of forward-thinking individuals. The result was credit unions: not-for-profit, member-owned financial cooperatives that are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors. Because the members are the owners, there are no stockholders to pay, and each member elects the Board of Directors with an equal vote, regardless of the size of his or her account. Thanks to the pioneering spirit of leaders before us, Northwest Georgia Credit Union is able to offer this fresh, "people helping people" approach to money, with emphasis placed on your financial health, not your potential profitability. This \$1,000.00 essay-based scholarship honors the entrepreneurial, progressive student leader who believes in *their* cause and makes it happen.

## **Scholarship Requirements**

- Applicant must be graduating from high school in Spring 2014 and attending a college, university, or technical school in Fall 2014. Residing in Floyd County or attending a local high school is not necessary to be considered for this scholarship.
- Applicant must be a primary member of Northwest Georgia Credit Union.
- Applicant must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- Applicant may apply for both the Northwest Georgia Credit Union Progressive Leader Scholarship and the Tom Nunn Memorial Scholarship; however, no applicant will be awarded more than one scholarship.
- Northwest Georgia Credit Union employees, Directors, or their children are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.
- In order to be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must submit a complete application package. A complete application package consists of:
  - ✓ The application— Please be sure to complete *all* sections, attach your essay, and sign the application.
  - ✓ Copy of your most current high school transcript— Transcript does not necessarily need to be an official, sealed copy.
  - ✓ Copy of your acceptance letter to the college, university, or technical school you will attend

Your complete application package must be received by the close of business on **Wednesday**, **April 30**, **2014**. If any part of your application package is received after this date, your application will not be considered. The winner will be announced on May 16, 2014 and applicants will be notified of his or her application status immediately thereafter. Packages may be submitted directly to a Northwest Georgia Credit Union office or by mail to:

Scholarship Selection Committee Northwest Georgia Credit Union 1307 Redmond Road Rome, GA 30165



## **Scholarship Application**

Full Name				
Street Address				
City	State	_ Zip		
Home Phone	Alternate Phone			-
E-mail Address				
Date of Birth//	Social Security Number			
Your NWGACU Account Number				_
Mother's Name		NWGACU Member?	Y	N
Father's Name		NWGACU Member?	Υ	N

Academics				
High School				
Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale—indicate otherwise)				
College, University, or Technical School				
Intended Course of Study				
Essay				
Write an essay on the following topic. Your essay should be double-spaced, 12-point type, and should be no less than two pages and no more than four pages. Your essay will be judged on thoroughness, creativity, genuineness, and professionalism of appearance. Please attach your essay to the scholarship application.				
Everyone has a cause—the thing that they are most passionate about, the thing they are willing to fight for, and sometimes, the thing they lose sleep over. What is <i>your</i> cause? Explain your interest in your cause, how and why you are acting as a leader to further your cause, and how you have overcome the challenges you have faced.				
Signature				
I certify that the information in this application, as well as the supporting documents, is true and legitimate. I also declare that I have personally completed the above application and the attached essay, and it represents my own personal experiences and thoughts. I agree that Northwest Georgia Credit Union may use my name and a photograph (furnished by the recipient) in its marketing communications, should I be selected the recipient of this scholarship.				
Applicant's Signature Date				

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