

2022

Northern Hills Federal Credit Union  
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship



Deadline March 31, 2022

# 2022 Scholarship



## Judging Criteria:

The judging committee, consisting of credit union professionals will score each applicant on the following criteria:

1. Verification of Attendance
2. Letters of Recommendation
3. Career goals
4. Professional presentation

## Application Deadline:

Applications must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31, 2022. Applications should be sent to the following address:

Attn: Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 759  
Sturgis SD 57785

The scholarship winners will be announced in May 2022 and will be asked to submit a photo for public release. If you have any questions, please call Rhonda Cutts of Northern Hills Federal Credit Union at 605-347-4527 in Sturgis or by email: [rcutts@northernhillscfu.org](mailto:rcutts@northernhillscfu.org).

Applicants will not be discriminated against based on gender, race, religion or national origin.

## Scholarships:

Northern Hills Federal Credit Union will award a \$1000 scholarship to a non-traditional, post-secondary student that exemplifies the credit union philosophy of "people helping people" through volunteering, community service, and leadership. The scholarships will be awarded for the 2022-2023 school year. The proceeds will be mailed directly to the financial aid office at the school shown on the application upon receiving verification of enrollment from the scholarship recipient.

## Eligibility Requirements:

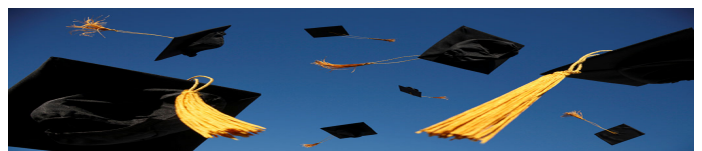
- The applicant must be a member in good standing of Northern Hills Federal Credit Union.
- At least three years have passed from the applicant's graduation date from high school or a qualifying GED program.
- The applicant must not already hold a bachelor's degree.
- The applicant must be attending or plan to attend an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school within the next calendar year.

## Application Requirements:

- A completed copy of the application form.
- An official copy of cumulative college transcripts or a letter of acceptance from the University that the applicant plans to attend.
- One personal and one professional written letter of recommendation.
- A two-part essay describing
  - Your career goals
  - How your community/work experiences **have exemplified the credit union philosophy of "people helping people."**
  - Steps you will take to ensure your success

Essay should be, typed, double-spaced on plain white paper.

Be sure to make a copy of the complete package for your records.



# Northern Hills Federal Credit Union Scholarship Application Form

## Background Information:

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State ZIP

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Best Contact Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School or GED Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Graduation Date

School Planning to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Phone Number

Expected Field of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section I: Verification of Attendance

1. Attach an official copy of cumulative college transcripts OR a letter of acceptance from the University you plan to attend.

## Section II: Letters of Recommendation (10 points)

1. Attach one personal written letter of recommendation. This could be from a friend, family member, co-worker or community person.
2. Attach one professional written letter of recommendation. This could be from an employer, former teacher, co-worker, or supervisor.

## Section III: Career Goals (80 points)

1. Essay should be typed, doubled-spaced on a separate sheet of plain white paper and attached to the application.
2. Essay should respond to the following:
  - a. Describe your career goals and discuss your decision to take this step at this time. Name the institution you plan to attend and on what you based this decision – 200 to 300 words (30 points)
  - b. Describe how your community/work experiences **have exemplified the credit union philosophy of “people helping people”** – 120 to 150 words (20 points)
  - c. Describe what steps you will take to ensure your success – 120 to 150 words (30 points)

## Section IV: Professional Presentation (clarity, completeness, writing) (10 points)