



Scholarship Contest Application
Essay Theme: The credit union motto is "People helping people".
How will your course of study enable you to help others?

DEADLINE: February 28, 2019

Eligibility Requirements

- No entry fee required.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- You must be enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2019-2020 academic year or be a 2019 graduating senior accepted for enrollment in an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school.
- You must have a minimum 2.8 grade point average, on a 4-point scale.
- You must be a member in good standing or immediate family of an Alcon EFCU member.
- Employees of Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union, contest judges and their immediate families are not eligible.
- This is an essay contest and not a lottery. It is void where prohibited or restricted by any law or ordinance.

Submission

Applicants must submit their application, copy of report card and essay to credit.union@alcon.com
Incomplete entries will be grounds for disqualification. No paper entries will be accepted.

Entry Instructions

Please address the prompt in your essay. You may use personal or family experiences to help illustrate your points. Be creative. There is no set template for a winning essay.

- Written essays must be between 500 and 1,000 words in length and must be written in English.
- Only one essay may be submitted per person.
- Submissions must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published or third party copyrighted material.

All entries must be received by **February 28th, 2019**. Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union reserves the right to extend the submission deadline for up to 30 days.

Evaluation Criteria

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

- Does the essay address the prompt given?
- Does the essay display originality and creativity?
- Does the essay contain accurate information?
- Does the written essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?

Scholarship Award

- Two five hundred dollars (\$500) scholarships will be awarded to the best essay and be paid by Alcon Employees FCU to the recipient.
- The winner will be notified by March 15th, 2019. Acceptance of the prize shall constitute permission for Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
- The winning essay will be published in the Alcon Employees FCU's website, including the blog and/or featured on Alcon Employees FCU's social media channels, including but not limited to Facebook and Instagram.

Evaluation Process

The Board of Directors from Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union will select the essays that best meet the above criteria. The panel of judges made up of the Board of Directors from Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union will select semi-finalists from which they will choose the prize-winning essay. All decisions will be final.

How to Submit an Application and Essay

To enter, you must submit the following materials to credit.union@alcon.com.

- Completed Scholarship online application
- A copy of report card for current school
- Essay

Acceptable Submission Formats

The following are acceptable submission formats:

- PDF
- DOC/DOCX

All entries shall become the property of Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union and cannot be returned. Alcon Employees Federal Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete or misdirected.