



# GWEN ANNE BARR MEMORIAL Scholarship

Open to OUR Credit Union Members who are continuing their Post-High School education and who have graduated High School prior to application deadline.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application form and return it with the other required documents to:

OUR Credit Union  
 c/o Janice Maiorano  
 Gwen Anne Barr Memorial Scholarship  
 3070 Normandy Road  
 Royal Oak, MI 48073  
 OR via email: [jmaiorano@ourcuonline.org](mailto:jmaiorano@ourcuonline.org)

**- OUR CREDIT UNION USE ONLY -**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Code: \_\_\_\_\_

OUR Credit Union Account Number:
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Name:	
Address:	City, State, ZIP:
Phone:	Email Address:
Date of Birth:	GPA:
High School Name:	HS Graduation Date:
Are you currently attending post secondary school?	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
School you are attending or planning to attend:	
Course of Study:	
Future Occupation Desired:	
Reference (include Full Name, Phone Number and Email Address):	
Reference (include Full Name, Phone Number and Email Address):	
Signature:	Parent/Guardian Signature:

*Selection will be made without regard to applicant's race, color, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, sex, marital status, or physical ability. Applicant must be a member of OUR Credit Union. **Applications must be postmarked/emailed by March 5, 2021.** Applicant agrees to accept the decisions of OUR Credit Union as final. OUR Credit Union employees, board members and their immediate family members are not eligible. OUR Credit Union reserves the right to disqualify applicants who make any misrepresentations on their application or supporting documents. All applications and supporting documents will be kept confidential, become the property of the credit union and will not be returned.*

*By signing this application, I hereby authorize OUR Credit Union to photograph me and consent to the use of my likeness in any and all publications, educational materials, research, advertising, news media, video and Web materials. I understand and agree that such materials shall become and remain the sole property of OUR Credit Union. If applicant is a minor, consent must be agreed to in writing by a parent or legal guardian.*

*All applications must be submitted to Janice Maiorano at OUR Credit Union or via email by Friday, March 5, 2021 at 6 pm (the close of business). Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants are asked to contact Janice Maiorano at [jmaiorano@ourcuonline.org](mailto:jmaiorano@ourcuonline.org) for questions regarding this application.*

*OUR Credit Union membership is open to anyone who lives in Michigan. If you have any questions about membership please contact our Membership Services department at 248.549.3838.*

## **GUIDELINES**

OUR Credit Union will grant one \$1000 Scholarship to an individual who has graduated high school prior to the application deadline. There are no age limitations for qualification. Those who meet the following criteria may apply:

1. Applicants must be a member of OUR Credit Union.\*
2. Applicants must be pursuing their education at an accredited institution, trade school, vocational school, community college or university.
3. Applicants must be accepted by the school and plan to be enrolled, at minimum, as a part-time student (6 credit hours).
4. Applicants who have been awarded an OUR Credit Union Scholarship in the past may not apply.

### **Please include the following items with your completed application:**

- One Recent Letter of Recommendation
- Two non-family references (Listed on Application - Name, Phone and Email)
- Resume
- 500 Word Essay - see below for details and topic
- List of Community Involvement and School Related Involvement

### **COMMUNITY & SCHOOL RELATED INVOLVEMENT**

Attach a separate piece of paper to complete the following.

#### **Make a list of your involvement in school related and or community activities and volunteer programs.**

Please include dates/years involvement and/or hours completed. *Please feel free to include involvement details, such as specific tasks performed and/or any concluding thoughts or impressions of the activities or programs.*

### **ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

The written recommendation can be from a past or present employer, coach, teacher, instructor, counselor, community leader, etc., but must be written by an unrelated adult. The letter should be recent, signed and address why the applicant deserves the scholarship as well as elaborate the applicant's character and accomplishments.

### **RESUME**

Include an updated, typed copy of your resume. Resumes will be reviewed similar to a resume being considered for employment.

### **ESSAY**

Selection criteria will include: ideas/content, organization, sentence fluency, word choice and grammar. The essay should be approximately 500 words, typed, double spaced in 12 pt font.

**Essay Topic:** Discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will (or has) help(ed) you succeed in college and beyond.

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*\*Applicants may not use a guardian's member number.*

***The scholarship recipient will be notified by April 23, 2021.** This scholarship is available for tuition, books and fees. At OUR Credit Union's discretion, the scholarship will be paid directly to the educational institution the student is attending, the scholarship recipient, or recipient's guardian. The awards will be paid upon receiving a bill or paid receipt.*