

# 2024 Scholarship Essay Packet

Alcoa Community Federal Credit Union is offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships to one Saline County and one Grant County 2024 high school graduate.

**Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00**

## Eligibility requirements:

- Applicant must be a 2024 graduate from any of the following Saline or Grant County High Schools: Bauxite, Benton, Bryant, Harmony Grove, Arkansas Christian Academy, Sheridan, or Poyen. Home school students are also allowed to enter as long as they reside in Saline or Grant Co. (Proof of residency required for home school students.)
- The applicant must be a college-bound high school senior at the time of application.
- The applicant must be attending college for the first time in 2024.
- The applicant will be enrolled in a 4 year college, 2 year college or technical school.

## Application Instructions:

- Student must complete a short application providing information on themselves and submit an essay. The topic is posted at the bottom of the scholarship application. Essay must have a minimum of 300 words.
- Applicants must type or print clearly and in essay format.
- **The application, essay, and transcripts must be received no later than 11:59 pm CST Wednesday, May 1st, 2024.** All portions must be submitted together. If any portion is missing or late, the application will not be considered.
- Applications may be emailed to [sara.rowell@alcoacfcu.org](mailto:sara.rowell@alcoacfcu.org), given to your schools guidance counselor, or mailed to: AlcoaCommunity FCU, ATTN: Sara Rowell, 1125 Military Road Benton, AR. 72015.

## Required Documents:

- A high school transcript documenting student's GPA.
- SAT/ACT transcript.

## Award Notification & Distribution:

The scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, May 10th. Scholarship funds will be made payable to and mailed directly to the institution recipient plans to attend. The funds may be used for tuition, room, board, books, or materials. A letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment from an educational institution is required. This letter may be submitted with the application or any time prior to the payment. Only chosen recipients will be contacted after the deadline. We will not reach out to any applicant that does not receive the scholarship. Please note this is a one time scholarship.

## Selection Process:

Winning essays will be chosen based on the essay itself, academic performance, and involvement in extracurricular and community activities.

## Application Deadline:

Applications MUST be received by [sara.rowell@alcoacfcu.org](mailto:sara.rowell@alcoacfcu.org) no later than 11:59 pm CST, Wednesday, May 1st, 2024.

*\*Please note that you do not have to be an ACFCU member for your child to apply for or receive this scholarship.*

## Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School Applicant Plans to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Honors & Awards

*Examples: National Honor Society, honor roll, student/athlete awards, principal's awards, etc.*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Activities

*Examples: Sports teams, clubs, band, choir, drama, yearbook, student government, etc.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Activities, Involvement and Volunteer Work

Please list community service acts or projects, volunteer work, fundraisers, youth counseling, etc.

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## Paid Employment

Please list each job separately & indicate years of employment. Examples, part-time jobs, babysitting, etc.

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**If there are any unusual circumstances or need for financial aid, please briefly explain below.**

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## Essay Topic:

*Essay must be a minimum of 300 words.*

**The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?**