



Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship

As a volunteer during the early years of the credit union, Pat McNeill dedicated his time and energy to serve others. Pat was an original Director of the credit union in 1969 and served on the Board of Directors for 12 years, three as Chairman. Mr. McNeill will forever be remembered for fulfilling the credit union's mission of "People Helping People."

The Award

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union's Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship provides four \$2,000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships that are paid directly to each recipient's college.

Eligibility

To qualify as an eligible applicant, you **must** be a member in good standing at Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union and meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a college-bound high school senior when your application is submitted.
2. You must be a first-time college student who will be attending an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher education in the Fall 2024.
3. You **must be** the primary owner of an Ocean Financial account (a Youth Savings Account or a Regular Share Account).

Scholarship funds are made payable directly to the college.

PLEASE NOTE: Family members of all Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union employees, Directors and Committee Members are NOT eligible for the Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship.

Application Process: Eligible members must complete the attached application. Please type or print clearly. The eligible member and a parent/guardian **must** sign the Certification and Release Authorization at the end of the application.

Selection Process: Judging will be based on subjective and objective criteria. All information provided is subject to investigation and verification by Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union.

Application Deadline: The application and essay must be returned to the credit union by Friday, February 9, 2024. **If any portion of this application is incomplete or the applicant is not the primary on an Ocean Financial account, the application will not be considered.**

How to Submit Your Application: We will accept applications that are submitted by USPS mail and postmarked by February 9, 2024, to Ocean Financial, Attn: Patrick McNeill Scholarship, 45 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572 or email scholarship@oceanfinancial.org. Please make sure to include Patrick McNeill Scholarship in the subject line.

If you have additional questions, please contact scholarship@oceanfinancial.org. To have your application considered, you must provide all the information requested. Recipients will be awarded at our 2024 Annual Meeting of Members in May 2024.

Personal Information (type or print in blue or black ink only.)

Member Number _____

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

High School _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Name of college you plan to attend _____

High School Honors and Awards

Please list all honors and awards with the school year of participation (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th). Use this space only.

Examples: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, Principal's Awards, Science Fair Awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classifications, etc.

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Community Activities and Volunteer Work

Please list all community activities and volunteer work with the year of participation (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th). Do NOT list one-time activities or events. Use this space only.

Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling, etc.

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Please indicate below any significant information you can provide the Scholarship Committee to assist them in the evaluation process.

Essay

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following essay question. Your response should be typed, between 300 – 500 words and include your full name in the top right-hand corner. Points will be deducted if essays are not typed.

Question:

Credit unions are not-for-profit, financial cooperatives that exist to serve their members, not to make a profit. “People helping people” is the philosophy that drives credit unions. What is the value and importance of “people helping people” in our society and tell us what it means to you.

Please cite examples.

Certification and Release Authorization

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded for tuition only.

Member Signature (student) _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____