

# **SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST—Credit Unions for Higher Education:**

The Lincoln Chapter of Credit Unions Annual Scholarship Contest is going on from now until March 31, 2020 with the following prize amounts; 1<sup>st</sup> \$2500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1000.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500.00—please see the insert in this newsletter (double sided) for all rules, details, and the scoring rubric that will be used by the judges.



## **Credit Unions For Higher Education Scholarship Contest**

Sponsored by the Lincoln Chapter of Credit Unions

**First Place: \$2500.00**  
**Second Place: \$1000.00**  
**Third Place: \$500.00**

**Topic: Why I chose my credit union over a bank.**

**Contest is open to high school seniors and college or trade school students who will be either full or part-time students for the academic year 2020/2021.**

- 1. THE CONTESTANT MUST HAVE A SHARE ACCOUNT WITH HIS/HER OWN NAME AS THE PRIMARY MEMBER IN A PARTICIPATING LINCOLN CHAPTER CREDIT UNION.**
- Research papers should contain standard bibliography references and **ALL** entries must be prepared to provide quoted sources upon request of the judges or the Lincoln Chapter Board.
- Contestants should indicate on the first page of each copy the number of words in the paper. The **MAXIMUM** number of words allowed is 500.
- All entries will be judged on accurate credit union content, originality, and grammar. All essays become the property of the Lincoln Chapter of Credit Unions. Decisions of the judges are final. Ties will be decided by the Lincoln Chapter Board. Winners will be notified by phone or via mail.
- Entry is to contain the original and **3** additional copies of the research paper and bibliography, **WITHOUT** covers, folders, or binders.
- Entry is to be submitted with a **separate sheet** containing the name, address, phone #, credit union you are a member of, and school classification for the upcoming year. **NONE of this information should appear ANYWHERE in the research paper.**
- Scholarship funds will be made payable to the winner and the school on behalf of the winner.* Winners must provide proof of registration to receive award. Prizes must be utilized before the start of the third semester after notification of winners. Funds not utilized will be forfeited and returned to the Lincoln Chapter of Credit Union's, Credit Unions for Higher Education Fund.
- Entries must be postmarked or received by: **Tuesday, March 31, 2020.** Any entry received "postage due" will have 10 points deducted from the total score.
- This scholarship contest is for members, credit union volunteers and credit union staff.
- Scholarship winner's pictures may be used in Credit Union newsletters or Facebook pages. Winners agree to have their picture taken during check presentation.
- FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ENTRY. MAIL OR DELIVER ENTRIES TO:**

**CREDIT UNIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

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COMMENTS

<b>Lincoln Chapter of Credit Unions                      Essay Rubric                      100 possible points</b>		
<b>FORMATTING</b>	<b>POINTS POSSIBLE</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>
500 words or less --Word count on the first page of each copy	5	
Bibliography --APA Format --3 to 5 sources	10	
Cover sheet with all required information --Name, address, phone #, student's credit union and school classification for the coming year (grade and school)	10	
Original and three copies received --No cover, folder or binder	10	
Contestant name or credit union name <u>not</u> allowed in text	5	
<b>FORM AND PRESENTATION</b>		
Originality --Paper is written in student's voice (student's interpretation of works cited) --Avoid excessive direct quotations from sources --Body organization and flow should be logical	20	
Content --Introduction informs reader of purpose --Content effectively reflects research topic --Effective transitions between paragraphs and sections --Conclusion summarizes paper for reader	20	
Grammar --No grammatical, spelling or formatting errors (20) --1-3 errors (15) --4-6 errors (10) --7-9 errors (5) --10+ errors (0)	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	100	