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Application for Highmark FCU Teen Club Scholarship

- 2012 -

History

Rapid City Teachers Federal Credit Union Charter #4122 was signed on October 28, 1940. By December 19, 1941, the Credit Union had 53 members with a total of \$487.96 in share accounts. Space for the first Credit Union office was the converted janitor's closet area of the old Rapid City Central High School. Only the Rapid City area teachers were able to join the Credit Union until 1977 when the field of membership expanded to include Douglas School System at Ellsworth Air Force Base. By October 31, 1975, the Credit Union had reached \$1,569,162.29 in assets with 1,293 members. In June of 1976 a new Credit Union office building was purchased, located at 725 5th Street. The building was previously a gas station and needed remodeling. In February of 1978 the Credit Union moved to its new office, which is still its present location.

On January 1, 1988, the Credit Union name was changed to Rapid City Federal Credit Union as the field of membership had expanded to include several employee groups, associational groups and area colleges including Western Dakota Vo-Tech. Also a new addition to the building was completed which included a larger, improved teller and lobby area with drive-up teller services.

In December of 1995 a construction project was undertaken to expand the facility an additional 3,200 square feet. This doubled the size of the existing building and added a third drive-up lane. The construction was complete in July of 1996.

Rapid City Federal Credit Union opened a Westside Branch at 2120 West Main Street in March of 1998.

The millennium year was a year of changes. In March 2000, Highmark was selected as the new name for the Credit Union. In a community where the names of many financial institutions sound alike, it is important to stand apart with not only our high standards, but with our name as well. Our new name is respectful of the educational community that supported our beginnings and embraces members not affiliated with the school system. In addition to the new name, the Credit Union expanded its charter to include persons or relatives of those who live, work, worship or attend school in Pennington, Meade, Lawrence, and Custer counties.

In July of 2006, after months of planning, our newest branch was opened in Custer. During this time, plans began for a total remodel of the 5th Street Main Office. The staff and members were accommodated in a temporary location at 523 Kansas City Street, when construction began in December of 2007. The remodel project was complete in January of 2009 when Highmark relocated into its new building, providing a more expansive, member service environment to better meet their members' needs.



Highmark Federal Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 2506
Rapid City, SD 57709

Please read through this application carefully and answer all questions on this form. Ask your teacher to fill out the recommendation form provided in the application materials, and give the second recommendation to your high school principal, guidance counselor or another teacher who knows you and your academic potential.

After you have completed the application, send it to the above address no later than April 6, 2012.

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Mailing Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number _____

Social Security Number _____

Name of Father _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Name of Mother _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Home Address _____
(Number and Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

If Legal Guardian is someone other than mother or father, give name, address and relationship: _____

College, University, or Vocational School selected:

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Date of Enrollment: _____

Major: _____

ESSAY:

Prepare a double-spaced typewritten essay of not more than 500 words but not less than 200 words on one of the following topics:

- “What Makes Credit Unions Special”
- “The Role the Credit Union Plays in My Future”
- “What Teens Should Know About Credit Unions”

List the activities and hobbies in which you have recently participated:

| Activity | Years Participated | Office held/ Position Played | Honors/ Letters |
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OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF:

Use this section of the application for information you would like to bring to the attention of the Scholarship Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

Obtain a certified copy of your high school transcripts and **STAPLE IT TO THE TOP OF THIS PAGE**, with your essay.

APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION:

- (1) I hereby certify that all information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting nonfactual information will automatically disqualify me from any consideration for a scholarship.
- (2) By submitting this application, I authorize my high school principal or counselor to make available to the HFCU Scholarship Committee information concerning my academic records.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

NOTES TO THE APPLICANT:

- (1) **Eligibility.** To be eligible, a student must meet all of the following requirements:
 - Achieve at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale)
 - **Be a member of the HFCU Teen Club**
 - Be a high school senior
 - Be accepted at an accredited college, university, vocational school or trade school
- (2) **Selection of Winners.** The judging will be made by the HFCU Teen Club Scholarship Committee.
- (3) **Criteria.** The following criteria will be used as the basis for selecting scholarship recipients: Grade point average, essay, activities and honors, and recommendations. Have two recommendation forms completed and sent to HFCU Teen Club Scholarship Committee.
- (4) **Administration.** No cash awards are made. Scholarships are applied directly to tuition and fees.
- (5) **Financial.** HFCU Teen Club Scholarships are awarded independently of financial need.
- (6) **Transcript.** An official, certified copy of the high school transcript must be submitted with the application, or directly from the school.
- (7) **Announcement of Winners.** Announcement of winners will be made by April 20, 2012. Applicants not elected will be notified by April 27, 2012.
- (8) **Duration.** Scholarships must be used for the first year of full-time study.
- (9) **Availability.** Employees, family members of employees, BOD, Sub. Committees are not eligible.
- (10) **Acceptance.** Only original applications will be accepted.
- (11) **Amounts.** Two \$500 Scholarships will be awarded.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR HIGHMARK FCU TEEN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP – 2012

Dear Principal, Guidance Counselor, or Teacher:

Please complete this form for _____
Your recommendation will be kept confidential.

High School _____
(Name)

(City) (State) (Zip)

12 Grade Record. Subjects: List all carried during current term and indicate any which may be “advanced” or “honors” courses. Grades: For period from _____ through _____.

COMMENTS: Please provide additional comments and information that will help us evaluate this scholarship applicant. You may continue on the back of this sheet or on a separate page as necessary.

I recommend this candidate this for the HFCU Teen Club Scholarship for the following reasons:

(Signature) (Date)

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