The Award
Financial Trust Federal Credit Union awards scholarships in the amount of $500, to be paid to the student.

Eligibility
The applicant must be a member in good standing of Financial Trust FCU who meets all of the following criteria:
• The member is a college-bound high school senior at the time of application.
• The member is attending college for the first time in the fall of 2018.
• The member will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
• The member agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded by January 31, 2019, at an accredited educational institution only.

Application Process
To apply, eligible members must complete the attached scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly and use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions. Other than specified below, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be submitted or used to answer the questions.

Check each box after completion.

☐ 1. The signed application must be submitted with:
   ☐ a high school transcript documenting student’s GPA for grades 9–11;
   ☐ an SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office)
   ☐ a typed essay response

☐ 2. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the last page of the application form.

☐ 3. The application, transcripts and essay must be returned to the credit union by April 30, 2018. If any portion is incomplete or missing, the application will not be considered.

Selection Process
Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, essay, etc.
Application Deadline
Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than April 30, 2018.

Scholarship Applicant Information
This application will not be considered unless all information is completed in full, on this form only, and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions. Winners will be notified in May.

Name ___________________________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________
City _____________________________ State _______________ Zip Code _______________
Phone ___________________________ Email ______________________________________
High School ______________________ Anticipated Graduation Date ____ / ____ / ____
Name of College You Plan to Attend ____________________________

High School Honors and Awards
Please list honors and awards and grade(s) (ex: 9, 10, 11, 12) of participation. Use this space only.
Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, Who’s Who, Principal’s awards, science fair awards, college book awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classification.

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High School Activities
Please list high school activities and grade(s) (ex: 9, 10, 11, 12) of participation. Use this space only.
Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, MathCounts, LifeSmarts, tutoring.

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Community Activities and Volunteer Work
Please list community activities and volunteer work and grade(s) (ex: 9, 10, 11, 12) of participation. Use this space only. Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling.

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Paid Employment
Please list each job separately and indicate the grade(s) (ex: 9, 10, 11, 12) employed. Only jobs requiring more than 10 hours per week should be listed. Use this space only. Examples: part-time jobs, babysitting.

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Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)
Please list leadership positions held and the grade(s) (ex: 9, 10, 11, 12) of participation. Use this space only. Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, band/orchestra 1st chair.

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Essay
Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following questions. Your response should be typed, between 300–500 words and should include your full name in the top right corner.

Question:
Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members, not generate profit. “People helping people” is the philosophical foundation of these institutions. What do you see as the value of this foundation? Please explain.

In addition:
- what makes your credit union different than a for-profit financial institution?;
- how does your credit union demonstrate credit union’s “people helping people” philosophy?; and
- if you ran your credit union, what is one initiative/program you would implement?
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 at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2019.

Member Signature (Student) __________________________ Date _____/_____/_____

Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date _____/_____/_____

Application Verification
For Credit Union Use Only. The following information must be completed in full by sponsoring credit union management for the application to be considered.

Name of Employee Taking Application _____________________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________ Date _____/_____/_____

Financial Trust FCU  □ Cheektowaga Office  □ West Seneca Office  □ OPHS Office
Office Location:  □ Orchard Park Office  □ Grand Island Office  □ Rich Products Office
(Please check one)