

Charles M. Cook Scholarship

The Charles M. Cook Scholarship program was designed to offer financial assistance to qualified individuals who are in pursuit of educational advancement. Scholarships will be awarded each year in time for fall enrollment. The following will explain scholarship details, forms needed, and deadlines to return, along with other information.

Eligibility

Eligibility to compete for a Charles M. Cook Scholarship is open to members of Partners 1st Federal Credit Union, more specifically:

- The applicant, if not already a member, must become a member of Partners 1st Federal Credit Union.
- The applicant must be a high school senior or a full-time undergraduate student. If a high school senior, applicant must graduate during the current school year or have completed the requirements for graduation by the end of this school year.
- The term "children" includes natural or legally adopted children and step-children.
- The person or persons primarily responsible for the applicant's support must be a member in good standing of Partners 1st Federal Credit Union.
- Officials, employees, spouses, and immediate family members of officials and employees of Partners 1st Federal Credit Union are not be eligible.

Final decisions on eligibility will be made by the Charles M. Cook Scholarship selection committee.

The Selection Committee

Each year, the selection committee for the Partners 1st Federal Credit Union's Charles M. Cook Scholarship Program will be comprised of at least one member from the Partners 1st Federal Credit Union board of directors, one other credit union volunteer, and one credit union staff member appointed by the chairman of the board.

Criteria

The committee makes the selection based on scholastic achievement, community service and financial need.

Required Items ***PLEASE READ - APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE WITHOUT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING***

The committee meets in June to review the confidential file of each eligible candidate. To be considered, each applicant's file must contain:

- Charles M. Cook Scholarship Application Form - completed by the applicant.
- Financial Statement - (page 3) completed by the applicant or the applicant's parent or guardian.
- Transcript of high school, trade school or college grades.
- Letter of recommendation - completed by an employer, guidance counselor or other school official.
- Photo - in order to be considered for the Charles M. Cook Scholarship, you must include a photo of yourself.
If you are selected as a scholarship winner, this photo will be used in various marketing materials (web site, newsletter, etc.) Please email your photo to mbuchler@partners1stcu.org or include one with your application.

Amount and Award

Scholarships of up to \$15,000 may be awarded per year. The award will be sent to the school or college prior to the start of the academic year. Recipients of scholarships will be notified on or around June 30.

The final award of a scholarship is contingent upon each applicant:

- Being accepted for admission by institution accredited at the college level by nationally recognized accrediting agency.
- Successfully completing all entrance requirements and enrolling in the chosen college.



Charles M. Cook

20 Years of Credit Union Service.....1957 - 1977

Member of the Board of Directors.....1957 - 1977

President of the Board of Directors.....1958 - 1975

Charles M. Cook Scholarship Program Application

- Provide information as accurately and completely as possible.
- File this application with the Charles M. Cook Scholarship Committee by May 31 at the latest.

Student Information

Last Name			First Name			Middle Name		
Street Address			City		State	Zip Code	Telephone	
Birth Date:			My Partners 1st Account Number:					
Month	Day	Year	(Students must be, or become, a member to apply)					

Parent Information

Last Name			First Name			Middle Name		
Street Address			City		State	Zip Code	Telephone	
Relationship to applicant:			Partners 1st Account Number:					

Work Experience/Extracurricular Activities

During the past three years:

Job/Activity	Dates	Hours/Week

Which of these have you found most beneficial? Why?

Family Information

Indicate brothers and sisters currently attending school or college:

Name	Location

College/Trade School Choices

What college, trade school, or university do you wish to attend or are attending?

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Name			
Location			

Focus of Studies

In what general field of study do you plan to concentrate or are majoring in if currently in college?

Honors/Recognition

What special recognition have you received for outstanding schoolwork - e.g. honors, awards or scholarships?

High School or College Activities

Specify the part you have played in high school and/or college activities such as class or other school offices held, orchestra, athletics, dramatics, debate, school publications, honor society, etc.

School	Activity	Position Held	Hours Spent Per Week

Objectives and Goals

Use the space below to state your educational objectives, your long range goals and why you have selected them:

If there is any other information you want the selection committee to have as it considers your application, please indicate it below:

I certify that all statements contained in this application are true and correct, and that I believe myself eligible to apply for a scholarship under the provisions and conditions of Partners 1st Federal Credit Union's Charles M. Cook Scholarship Program.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Family Financial Statement

(To be completed by parent or guardian of scholarship applicant and returned no later than May 31)

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

Name of father: _____ Age: _____

Employer: _____

Name of mother: _____ Age: _____

Employer: _____

Income

	Past Calendar Year	Current Calendar Year (est.)
1. Salaries and wages		
Father	_____	_____
Mother	_____	_____
2. Other income		
Father	_____	_____
Mother	_____	_____
3. Total income (1 & 2)	_____	_____
4. Deductible business expenses	_____	_____
5. Total income (from Form 1040)	_____	_____
6. Federal income tax paid (from Form 1040)	_____	_____
7. Number of exemptions claimed	_____	_____

Assets

8. Credit union, bank, savings and loan amounts (personal, checking, and savings)	_____
9. Investments (stocks, bonds, etc.)	_____
10. Real estate equity (not appraised value)	_____
11. Other loans/liabilities	_____

Date

Signature of both parents

*** Please return all forms to: ***

Partners 1st Federal Credit Union
c/o Charles M. Cook Scholarship Program
1330 Directors Row
Fort Wayne, IN 46808