

# 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 and the children of any member 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.

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 |
|--------------|-------|------------|
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Which of these have you found most beneficial? Why?

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## Family Information

Indicate brothers and sisters currently attending school or college:

| Name | Location |
|------|----------|
|      |          |
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## 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?

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### Honors/Recognition

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

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### 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 |
|--------|----------|---------------|----------------------|
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### Objectives and Goals

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

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

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*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<br>(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