



2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The FirstLight Community Foundation is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual Scholarship Program for graduating high school seniors from the Class of 2020. The deserving scholarship recipients will be incoming University, Community College or Trade School students for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Scholarship Awards of \$1,000

The FirstLight Community Foundation, created by FirstLight Federal Credit Union, strives to be a leader in the community and believes we have a great opportunity to help our youth in their pursuit of higher education. Beyond an opportunity, we view it as a social responsibility to reach out to the communities that we serve.

Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria below:

- Graduate of the Class of 2020 residing in El Paso County or Doña Ana County
- Incoming college freshman at a two or four-year institution of higher learning, or certified trade school
- To receive a full Scholarship, student must be enrolled full time/minimum of 12 credit hours.

Awards

Scholarships will be awarded to the highest scoring applicants based on the following:

- **25%** - Academic Performance
- **25%** - Essay
- **20%** - Extracurricular Activities
- **20%** - Community Involvement
- **10%** - Personal Reflection

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

FEBRUARY 3, 2020:

FirstLightFCU.org/Community-Foundation

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020

Applications must be received in person or postmarked no later than **Friday, March 27, 2020**, to remain eligible for consideration. Please drop off or mail your complete application to:

FirstLight Community Foundation
Scholarship Committee
9983 Kenworthy St.
El Paso, TX 79924



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth _____ Sex: M _____ F _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____ Alternate Phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

Father/Guardian Name _____ Mother/Guardian Name _____

High School Attended _____ Year of Graduation _____ GPA _____

High School Counselor _____ Phone # _____

College or University you plan to attend _____ Field of Study _____

Student Name _____ High School _____

2. SUMMARIES

Please provide responses to the following on a separate sheet of paper. Answers must be typed in 12 pt. font and double spaced.

A.SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP: Please provide a summary of your involvement in extracurricular student activities that you have participated in during your time in high school. Special attention should be given to those activities which have helped you in developing your leadership, citizenship, and personal/interpersonal skills. Please **provide specifics on any leadership roles** that you have held in clubs or organizations which demonstrate your initiative and positive contributions.

B.COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP: Please provide a summary of any **community** related activities that you have been involved with, that are **not related to school functions or organizations**. Examples of activities that should be included in your summary should be any activities that you have participated in with your church, youth sports organizations, community service initiatives, mentoring programs or any other program or activity you participate in **outside of school**. Please **provide specifics on any leadership roles** that you have held in these organizations which demonstrate your initiative and positive contributions.

C.PERSONAL REFLECTION: Briefly explain why you are applying for and why you believe you are the best candidate to be selected to receive this scholarship. ***What is the one thing you would like the Selection Committee to know that you believe distinguishes you as an individual?*** Include any special considerations the Selection Committee should give your application that were **not included in A or B above**. Your response **MUST** also address the factors that led you to choose the school you plan to attend.

3. ESSAY

Please answer the following questions and limit your response to 500 words or less:

As you prepare for your transition to college, what do you feel has best prepared you for the challenges that lie ahead for you financially? What steps, if any, have you taken during high school to improve your financial capability and to avoid the pitfalls that may arise as you enter the so called "real world?"

4. TRANSCRIPTS

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript to your application. **APPLICATIONS WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT ATTACHED, EITHER OFFICIAL OR UNOFFICIAL, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

I certify all information provided on this application and attachments are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize the FirstLight Community Foundation Scholarship Committee to verify the information.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

(REQUIRED - If applicant is under 18 years old)

Thank you for applying for a FirstLight Community Foundation. All applications must be received no later than March 27, 2020. We will notify those who receive a scholarship by letter no later than May 15, 2020.

NOTE: Scholarship proceeds will be mailed directly to the registrar of the attending institution.