February 1, 2018

Dear County Federal Member:

County Federal understands the importance of a higher education in today’s society. We are also aware of the rising costs of tuition and other related expenses which prohibit many students from reaching their college dreams and goals.

In response, County Federal will be awarding six one-year educational scholarships to graduating high school seniors and post-secondary students* enrolled in an accredited university or community/technical college on a full- and part-time basis.** Awards will range from $500 to $1,500. Scholarships will be payable in one installment in August prior to the Fall 2018 semester.

All participating students will be required to complete the attached application and online survey, write an essay and attach a copy of their most current high school or college transcript to the application. Scholarships will be judged on completing an online survey (5%), GPA (10%), community and high school involvement (15%) and an essay (70%).

If you are interested in participating in County Federal’s Educational Scholarship Program, please complete/submit your application, essay, most current transcript, online survey, photograph and photo release by Friday, April 6th, 2018 to:

County Federal Educational Scholarship Program
Attention: Marketing
1641 N. First Street Ste. 170
San Jose, CA 95112

The recipients will be notified by May 11th, 2018. Recipients will also be featured in an upcoming issue of County Federal’s Solutions Newsletter, on our website and other promotional material.

We wish you well as you work toward achieving your educational goals.

Sincerely,

Marketing
Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union

*Graduate School students working towards a Master’s Degree or Credential are not eligible.

**Part-time basis is defined as carrying a minimum of 6 units
2018 Educational Scholarship Application

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All eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Student must be a graduating high school senior or post-secondary student - ages 17 to 25
- Student must have a Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Student must carry a minimum of 6.0 units (part-time college)
- Student must be a member in good standing with Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union
- Student must be in good standing with their high school/college and may not be on disciplinary or academic probation
- Letter of Acceptance and Verification of Enrollment need to be provided by July 20, 2018

Scholarship Scoring Criteria:

- 5% Online Survey
- 15% Community and High School/College Involvement
- 70% Written Essay
- 10% Cumulative Grade Point Average

To apply for a County Federal Educational Scholarship, please print the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Name __________________________________________________________________________

Account Number___________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number (_____)______________________________________________________________

Email ____________________________________________________________________________

High School/College________________________________________________________________

H.S./College Phone Number (_____)___________________________________________________

Guidance Counselor's Name _________________________________________________________

Principal/Dean's Name ______________________________________________________________
Complete the following information
Check the one that applies for Fall 2018
Four-year College _____ Community College _____ Technical/Trade _____

1. Community and High School/College Involvement - 15%
   1. Answers must be typed and double-spaced.
   2. School Honors, Awards, & Activities – Indicate year of awards, honors activities and a brief description of each.
   3. Community Activities and Volunteer Experience – Give a brief description/objective and date for each activity.

2. Written essay - 70%
   1. Please answer this essay topic is:

   Explain how your work or community service experience has contributed toward your career goals.

   2. Essays must be typed, double-spaced and not exceed two pages in length.
   3. Essays will be judged on clarity of expression, content, composition and originality.

3. Online Survey - 5%
   • Complete the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union Survey:
     o www.sccfcu.org/educational-scholarships/

4. Grade Point Average - 10%
   • Attach a copy of your school transcript to this application.

Current Photo
Please include a current photo of yourself and sign/return the attached Publicity and Photo Release Form. This photo will be used on our website if you are selected as one of our finalists and recipients will also be featured in an upcoming issue of County Federal’s Solutions Newsletter and other promotional material. A digital copy can be emailed to marketing@sccfcu.org. Please put “Educational Scholarship” in the subject line

Your application packet must be received by Friday, April 6, 2018

Mail Applications to:
County Federal Educational Scholarship Program
Attention: Marketing
1641 N. First Street Ste. 170 San Jose, CA 95112
Recipients will be notified by May 11, 2018

Applications can also be dropped off at any Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union Branch by Friday, April 6, 2018.
Publicity and Photo Release Form

I hereby grant to the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union (County Federal) the absolute and irrevocable right and unrestricted permission to use my name, likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any photos, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images, and the like, taken or made on behalf of the County Federal or its partners. I agree that the County Federal has complete ownership of such material and can use said material for any purpose consistent with the County Federal mission. These uses include, but are not limited to, videos, publications, advertisements, news releases, web sites, social media platforms and any promotional or educational materials in any medium. I acknowledge that I will not receive any compensation for the use of such images, video, likeness, etc.

I hereby release and discharge the County Federal, and its agents, representatives and assignees from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of my name, likeness, image, voice and/or appearance, including any and all claims for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, misappropriation or misuse of image, and/or defamation.

I represent that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and that I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents. * This release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

This agreement is being made and entered into under the laws of the State of California and shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of said state. This agreement embodies the entire agreement of the parties (subject and photographer). No modification of this agreement shall be of any effect unless it is made in writing and signed by all of the parties to the agreement.

Name (Printed): ______________________________________________________________

Signature: _______________________________ Date: ________________________

* If the person signing is under the age of 18, consent from a parent or guardian is needed.

I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of ____________________________, named above, and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this individual.

Parent/Guardian’s Name (Printed): ____________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature: ______________________ Date: ________________
Please make sure to submit all items below:

- 2018 Educational Scholarship Application
- Typed list of your Community and High School/College Involvement
- Typed essay
- Complete the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union Survey
- Copy of your school transcript
- Send in current photo to with application or to marketing@sccfcu.org
- Completed Publicity and Photo Release Form

GOOD LUCK!