

2018



COLLEGE BOUND
Scholarship

What You Need to Know

The Award

Foothill Credit Union (Foothill) is dedicated towards helping schools and hospitals with all their financial needs. Foothill also continues to seek opportunities to give back to the community. This year we will be awarding **\$2,000 scholarships** to select MoneySmart and MoneyBound members who are pursuing a college education. Applicants must be entering either their freshman or sophomore year of college. If chosen, the award will be paid directly to the recipients on **Thursday, April 19, 2018** at Foothill's Annual Meeting.

Eligibility

Any Foothill Credit Union MoneySmart or MoneyBound member who is either entering their freshman or sophomore year of college may apply for this scholarship. Applicants for the scholarship must have a minimum overall G.P.A. of 3.25 with their last or current educational institution attended. Each applicant must have a Foothill Credit Union MoneySmart or MoneyBound account in his/her name. If you are not a member, you may open an account and become eligible to apply. If selected a winner, you must be a member for **at least three months** before receiving the award. Applicants who are not members for **at least three months** must wait until this period has ended to be awarded. Applicants who have a full scholarship are not eligible for this award. Foothill Credit Union employees, Board and Committee members and their families are also not eligible to receive this award.

Application

The College Bound Scholarship application consists of:

1. An essay from the student
2. Letters of recommendation from a teacher and a sponsor **typed on school or company letterhead**.
 - a. A current or past teacher of the applicant
 - b. A sponsor, employer, or coach (A sponsor is an individual who has directly and actively led an extra-curricular activity or organization in which the applicant has participated)Instruct your references to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. **Send the letters with the application in order to be considered.**
3. Student activity sheets
4. Copy of transcript (current school attending)
5. College acceptance letter (money will not be awarded until proof of college acceptance is shown)

Detailed requirements for the essay and letters of recommendation are provided on the following page.

All parts of the application may be typed on a separate sheet of paper, if desired. All required information must be included (see forms for details). **PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE.**

NOTE: We strongly suggest you have all recommendation letters returned to you (the student), and then mail or bring all your forms in at one time. This will ensure all parts of your application are received before the deadline. Applications that are incomplete after the deadline will be disqualified.

Selection

Financial need is not a criterion for this award, nor is class rank, or SAT/ACT score.

Applications are judged on:

Student Essay: Write a short essay (250 words or less) stating what career you want to pursue and why. What have you done to contribute to your future success in meeting this goal?

- **Ideas/Content:** Essay is clear, focused and addresses the assigned topic. It holds the reader's attention.
- **Organization of Essay:** The organization enhances and showcases the central idea.
- **Sentence Fluency:** The essay has an easy flow and rhythm.
- **Conventions:** The writer demonstrates a good grasp of standard writing conventions (e.g. grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, spelling, paragraphing) and uses conventions effectively to enhance readability.
- **Word Choice:** Words convey the intended message in a precise, interesting and natural way.

Student Activity Sheets (to be filled out by the student): Outline any awards received, participation in extra-curricular school activities, community activities/volunteer programs, and any employment information.

Recommendation Letters: Address the applicant's character; what the teacher/sponsor believes are his/her greatest attributes; specific accomplishments; examples of educational, employment and/or community leadership; his/her potential for future personal achievement; and why the teacher/sponsor feels the applicant deserves a College Bound scholarship.

Foothill Credit Union MoneySmart or MoneyBound Membership

Applications are judged by a group comprised of Foothill Credit Union employees. All decisions are final. The College Bound Scholarship Program **cannot** provide any information on the status of the applications. **Please do not call.**

Important Dates

- Completed scholarship applications must be received no later than **March 30, 2018**.
- Only chosen scholarship recipients will be notified by **April 10, 2018**.

Scholarship Form

Personal Information

Name: _____ MoneySmart/MoneyBound Account Number _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone Number _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Full Name(s): _____

Educational Information

High School or College: _____ District: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Schools to which you have applied to:

Check if Accepted

First Choice: _____ Location: _____

Second Choice: _____ Location: _____

Third Choice: _____ Location: _____

Career Plans

Aspiring Occupation: _____

Personal Information

I certify the information within this application is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. Upon notification of receiving a College Bound Scholarship, I authorize the use of my name and photograph in press releases and other communication materials.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form and attach it to your personal essay, sealed letters of recommendation, and student activity sheets (no staples please).

No faxes or e-mails will be accepted. Applicant must have his/her own Foothill Credit Union account—NO EXCEPTIONS!

Your application **MUST BE RECEIVED** no later than **March 30, 2018**.

Applications received after this date, regardless of postmark, will be disqualified!

For more information, call the credit union's Marketing Department at 626-445-0950.

Carefully read and follow directions. Verify your application with the checklist on the back before returning.

(All applicants will receive consideration for a scholarship without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, age, handicap, financial need or marital status.)

THIS APPLICATION IS VALID ONLY FOR THE 2018 COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.



What You Need To Do

Copy this page and give it to your respective references when requesting a letter of recommendation. Have them return the completed form to you along with their letter. Instruct your references to sign his/her name across the seal of the envelope. The information listed below is required for your application to be eligible for judging.

PERSONAL ESSAY

You may use a separate sheet of paper; be sure to include your name and signature on your essay page.

Student Essay: Write a short essay (250 words or less) stating what career you want to pursue and why. What have you done to contribute to your future success in meeting this goal? See inside cover page for selection criteria.

PLEASE LIMIT ESSAY TO ONE (1) PAGE, TYPED.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Applicant must have been a student in your class at one time. Please type your letter on school or company letterhead and place it in a sealed envelope with your name across the seal of the envelope. Be sure to include the required information listed on this page.

Your recommendation should address the applicant's character; what you believe are his/her greatest attributes; specific accomplishments; examples of educational, employment and/or community leadership; his/her potential for future personal achievement; and why you feel this student deserves a College Bound Scholarship.

PLEASE LIMIT RECOMMENDATION TO ONE (1) PAGE, TYPED.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Class in Which You Taught Applicant: _____ Year/Semester: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

SPONSOR, COACH, OR EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION

A sponsor is an individual who has directly and actively led an extra-curricular activity or organization in which the applicant has participated. If a guidance counselor is used as a source for the recommendation, the counselor must elaborate on the character of the applicant, as grades are not a criterion. Please type your letter on school or company letterhead and place it in a sealed envelope with your name across the seal of the envelope. Be sure to include the required information listed on this page.

Your recommendation should address the applicant's character; what you believe are his/her greatest attributes; specific accomplishments; examples of educational, employment and/or community leadership; his/her potential for future personal achievement; and why you feel this student deserves a College Bound Scholarship.

PLEASE LIMIT RECOMMENDATION TO ONE (1) PAGE, TYPED.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____



Student Activity Sheet

Student Name: _____

High School or College: _____ District (if applicable) _____

Honors and Awards	Explanation	9	10	11	12	College

Extra-Curricular School Activities	Average Hours Weekly	Leadership Positions	Faculty Sponsor	9	10	11	12	College

If additional room is needed, please photocopy this page.



Student Activity Sheet

Student Name: _____

High School or College: _____ District (if applicable) _____

Community Activities/ Volunteer Programs	Average Hours Weekly	Leadership Positions	Sponsor	9	10	11	12	College

Employer/ Company	Average Hours Weekly	Positions/ Responsibilities	Supervisor	9	10	11	12	College

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Not a Foothill Member?

As you start earning money and handling your own finances, you'll need to open a savings and a checking account at a financial institution. And when looking for that financial institution, you'll need one that you can trust, one that has a strong financial record, and one that is constantly being praised for their dedicated service to their members. Foothill Credit Union IS that financial institution. In fact, Foothill has been serving the scholastic community in the San Gabriel Valley for 60 Years.

As a member-owner of Foothill, you'll enjoy benefits like low rates on loans, high rates on dividends, lower fees than the competition, tech-savvy products like online bill pay, and member service that is second-to-none!

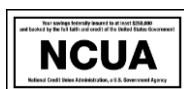
Becoming a member of Foothill is easy and you can rest assured that we'll keep your financial interest in mind at all times. Join Foothill Credit Union today!

How to apply for Foothill Credit Union membership

1. Complete a signature card
2. **Establish a share savings account:**
Each member is required to establish at least a \$5 Share Savings Account. This represents your part ownership in the credit union. This share is insured by the NCUA (a U.S. government agency), may earn dividends, and is refundable if you ever close your account with Foothill Credit Union.
3. Take advantage of these convenient services:
 - FREE Protection Plus Checking Account (until age 21)
 - FREE Online Banking with Bill Pay Service
 - FREE Debit Card
 - FREE Mobile & App Banking
 - Rate Reward Savings Account
 - Youth Saver Certificate
 - First Time Auto Buyer Loan
 - Platinum MasterCard® *
 - Financial Education
 - Investment Products of All Types
 - Discount Theme Park Tickets
 - And much more!

For more information regarding Foothill membership, visit us online at www.foothillcu.org or call us at 626-445-0950.

*Certain age/income restrictions may apply. Ask a credit union representative for details.



This credit union is federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration.



Checklist

Did you include the following?

- Scholarship Form
- Foothill Federal Credit Union Account Number? (You must have your own account!)
- Personal Essay & Signature
- Student Activity Sheets
- Teacher Recommendation & Signature
- Sponsor, Coach, or Employer Recommendation & Signature
- Copy of Your Transcripts
- College Acceptance Letter

Paperclip and mail all requested forms to:

Foothill Credit Union
Marketing Department
P.O. Box 660130
Arcadia, CA, 91066-0130

OR

Drop off at any of our branches:

- Arcadia Branch, 30 S. First Avenue
- Covina Branch, 928 N. Citrus Avenue
- Glendora Branch, 645 S. Lone Hill Avenue

Foothill is not responsible for lost applications or missing pages. Applications and accompanying pages become property of Foothill after submission to the credit union.

Completed applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** no later than **March 30, 2018** to avoid disqualification!



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