



## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The FirstLight Community Foundation is pleased to announce its scholarship program for graduating high school seniors from the Class of 2018. The deserving scholarship recipients will be incoming university, community college or trade school students for the 2018-2019 academic year.

As many as **Five Scholarships** in the amount of **\$1,000 will be awarded**.

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:

- Be a graduate of the Class of 2018 residing in El Paso County or Doña Ana Counties
- Be an incoming college freshman at a two or four year institution of higher learning or certified trade school
- In order to receive the full \$1,000 scholarship award, students must be enrolled full-time or a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to provide partial scholarships of \$500 to deserving applicants attending part-time or with at least 6 to 11 credit hours.

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

- **30%** - Academic Performance
- **30%** - Essay
- **20%** - Extracurricular Activities
- **20%** - Community Involvement

### APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

FEBRUARY 1, 2018:

[FirstLightFCU.org/Community-Foundation](http://FirstLightFCU.org/Community-Foundation)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018**

Applications must be received no later than **Friday, March 30, 2018** in order 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

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## 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. STUDENT ACTIVITIES 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 this scholarship and why you believe you are the best candidate to be selected as a recipient of this scholarship. Include any special considerations we should give your application that were not included in A or B above. Your response should 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 knowledge of financial literacy 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicant is under 18 years old)

Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for applying for a FirstLight Community Foundation. All applications must be received no later than March 31, 2018. We will notify those who receive a scholarship by letter no later than May 31, 2018.

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