



Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship

"Without Pat McNeill, there would be no credit union."

- Joseph Garay, Sr., Credit Union Founder

As a volunteer during the early years of the credit union, Pat McNeill dedicated his time and energy to serve others. Pat was responsible for making loans and for many of those years, the credit union had no office; Pat's briefcase was the credit union. He worked in Oceanside as the co-owner of Vernon Press and was able to make loans at members' kitchen tables, place of work or at his own workplace. Pat was an original director of the credit union in 1969 and served on the Board of Directors for 12 years, three as the President. Mr. McNeill will forever be remembered for fulfilling the credit union's mission of "People Helping People."

The Award

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union's Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship provides four \$1,500 scholarships that are paid directly to each recipient's college.

Eligibility

To qualify as an eligible applicant, you must be a member in good standing at Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union and meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a college-bound high school senior when your application is submitted.
2. You must be a first-time college student who in the fall of 2019 is officially matriculated at an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher education.
3. You must agree to use all scholarship funds awarded for tuition only.

PLEASE NOTE: Family members of all Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union employees, Directors and Committee Members are NOT eligible for the Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship.

Application Process

Eligible members must complete the attached application. Please type or print clearly. Eligible member and a parent/guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization at the end of the application.

Selection Process

Judging will be based on subjective and objective criteria. All information provided is subject to investigation and verification by Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union.

Application Deadline

The application and essay must be returned to the credit union by Monday, April 15, 2019. If any portion of this application is incomplete, the application will not be considered.

How to Submit Your Application

We will accept applications that are submitted by USPS mail and postmarked by April 15, 2019 to Ocean Financial, Attn: Patrick McNeill Scholarship, 45 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572 or email scholarship@oceanfinancial.org. Please make sure to include Patrick McNeill Scholarship in the subject line.

If you have additional questions, please contact scholarship@oceanfinancial.org.

In order to have your application considered, you must provide all information requested. Recipients will be awarded in June, 2019.

Personal Information (type or print in blue or black ink only.)

Member Number _____

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

High School _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Name of college you plan to attend _____

High School Honors and Awards

Please list all honors and awards with the school year of participation (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th). Use this space only.

Examples: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, Principal's Awards, Science Fair Awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classifications, etc.

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Community Activities and Volunteer Work

Please list all community activities and volunteer work with the year of participation (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th). Do NOT list one time activities or events. Use this space only.

Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling, etc.

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Paid Employment

Please list each job separately with year(s) employed. Only jobs of more than 10 hours a week should be listed. Use this space only.

Examples: part-time jobs, including babysitting

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Please indicate below any significant information you can provide the Scholarship Committee to assist them in the evaluation process.

Essay

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following essay question. Your response should be typed, between 300 – 500 words and include your full name in the top right hand corner. Points will be deducted if essays are not typed.

Question:

Credit unions are not-for-profit, financial cooperatives that exist to serve their members, not to make a profit. “People helping people” is the philosophy that drives credit unions. What is the value and importance of “people helping people” in our society and tell us what it means to you. Please cite examples.

Certification and Release Authorization

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded for tuition only.

Member Signature (student) _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____