



## **2021 ROBERT SKLENAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS RULES AND ESSAY REQUIREMENTS**

**Police Federal Credit Union of Omaha will award up to \$3000 in scholarships to student members who plan to continue their education. To be eligible, the students must be:**

1. Graduating from high school in the Spring of 2021.
2. Attending an accredited college, university, vocation, or trade school in the Fall of 2021.
3. A primary member of Police Federal Credit Union of Omaha for at least 12 months and in good standing. Please note: Students must have his/her own account. Parent or guardian membership does not qualify a student for the scholarship.

### **INSTRUCTIONS & JUDGING**

Answer each of the following questions concisely yet thoroughly, using proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Your submission will be graded on format, style, and content. There will be no minimum or maximum length for your submission unless otherwise stated. Judges will evaluate the answers on predetermined, point-based criteria. Each question will be graded separately and worth 50 points for 200 for the submission.

### **QUESTIONS**

1. As you move into this new and exciting stage of your life in college, provide a brief overview of your future goals and aspirations and reflect on how your life experiences have shaped these goals. Include specific examples of situations in which you faced challenges and how your handling those situations has helped direct you to the path that you are on.
2. In 50 words or less, describe how you have had a positive impact on the community.
3. Rising college costs have reached critical levels in recent years, leaving graduates with massive debt and difficulty finding jobs in their field of study that pay enough to survive in today's economy. Discuss how your college plans will help ensure that you are successful upon completing your degree.
4. Aside from the issues of college debt and employability, what is the single greatest challenge facing Generation Z individuals?

### **DEADLINE**

**The completed scholarship application and essays must be received at the credit union's main office by 5 pm on Friday, February 19, 2021.**

### **WINNERS**

Winners will be notified by phone and featured on the credit union website, social media pages, Blue Family News, and posted at both credit union locations. Winners will be given scholarship funds upon receipt of proof of intent to attend college (acceptance letter, registration, etc.). Scholarship funds will be deposited into the credit union account of the winner(s).