

# Police Federal Credit Union of Omaha Robert Sklenar Memorial Scholarships

## 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

**Police Federal Credit Union of Omaha will award up to \$3,000 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 2024.
2. Attending an accredited college, university, vocation, or trade school in the Fall of 2024.
3. A primary Police Federal Credit Union of Omaha member for at least 12 months and in good standing. (Student must also have an account in their name. Parent or guardian membership does not qualify a student for the scholarship.)

**Instructions:** Please answer all 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.

### 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 handling those situations has helped direct you to your path.
2. In 50 words or less, describe how you have positively impacted 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 your success upon completing your degree.
4. Aside from the issues of college debt and employability, what is the single greatest challenge facing Generation Z individuals?

**Judging:** Judges will evaluate the answers on predetermined, point-based criteria. Each question will be graded separately and is worth 50 points for a total of 200 for the submission.

**The completed scholarship application and essays must be received at the credit union's main office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024.**

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Winners will be notified by phone, featured on the credit union's website and social media pages, announced in the Blue Family News, and posted at both locations.

Winners will be given scholarship funds upon receiving proof of intent to attend college (acceptance letter, registration, etc.). Scholarship funds will be deposited into the credit union account of the winner(s).