

Ruby A. Robinson Scholarship Program



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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 2, 2015.**

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The Ruby A. Robinson Scholarship Program provides educational funds for Argent members who are high school seniors and actively using the Credit Union.

Argent Credit Union was founded in 1956 and is a not-for-profit financial cooperative owned by its members.

Scholarship Amount: Argent Credit Union offers up to two \$2,500 scholarships. We pay scholarship money directly to the school (1/2 each semester). Student must sign a voucher upon receipt of winning the scholarship saying that he/she does not already have a “full-ride” at their college or university. If student does have a full-ride, he/she must decline our scholarship. The second payment shall be forfeited if studies are discontinued.

- The Credit Union reserves the right to withhold award of the scholarships if too few qualified applications are received.
- The Credit Union reserves the right to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded each year, as well as the right to change or discontinue the program.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a member of Argent Credit Union.
- Must have joined Argent Credit Union by September 1, 2014 (6 months prior to application deadline).
- Candidate must be the primary member of their own account (not just a joint owner on someone else's account). Applicant must have an active checking account* to be eligible.
- Savings Account with \$1,000 or more **or**
- Savings Account + two other products (Checking, Credit Card, Certificate) **or**
- Savings Account with \$500 or more with active checking account* or Money Management Account (MMA).
- Aspirant will be a rising college freshman who will be taking a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

Candidate must be a graduating high school senior pursuing their first degree in an undergraduate or associate degree program at an accredited college or university. A list of accredited schools may be found at the U.S. Department of Education or <http://www.ed.gov/>.

**Active checking account means using it at least once during each month of the quarter.*

Application Instructions:

It is the responsibility of the applicant to see that the following information is received by the Credit Union before the deadline: Scholarship Application, two essays, official transcript from the most recently completed semester with total cumulative GPA scores, and two letters of recommendation. The Credit Union must receive your transcript directly from the school in a sealed, stamped envelope. Scholarship Applications will not be considered unless all required information is postmarked on or before March 2, 2015.

1. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative average of 3.0 GPA as shown by an official high school transcript. GPA scores must accompany the Scholarship Application. (GPA calculations will not be done by the Credit Union.) For those individuals in home schooling, grades must be accompanied by standardized test results.
2. Applicants shall have demonstrated strong interest and leadership skills in extracurricular activities and community service organizations. Applicants shall give a brief description of work experience, special interests and leadership positions held in volunteer work, clubs, athletics, or other outside activities. Include awards, honors, or special recognition. (Submit typed and double-spaced.)
3. Applicants shall submit two letters of recommendation. Recommendations from family are not acceptable.
4. Applicants shall write two essays of 300-500 words each (typed and double-spaced):
 - A. Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.
 - B. Argent Credit Union is more than just a trusted financial partner offering quality products and services to our members. We are a caring organization, committed to the well-being of our community by supporting local charitable and social causes. With this in mind, which of these characteristics appeal most to you, and why?



Awarding of Scholarships: Recipients of awards are chosen on a competitive basis. Decisions are made by the Argent CU Scholarship Review Committee. All decisions are final, and no appeals will be permitted.

Deadline: Completed Scholarship Application and all accompanying papers must be postmarked on or before March 2, 2015. SORRY NO EXCEPTIONS!

Return to: Scholarship Administrator, Argent Credit Union, P.O. Box 72, Chesterfield, VA 23832-0001.

Information: Call the Scholarship Administrator at 804.748.9488 or 800.943.3328. You may also e-mail: Scholarships@ArgentCU.org.

IMPORTANT! Failure to follow instructions may disqualify you.



Ruby was one of the first full-time Credit Union employees. She began her employment on February 16, 1963 and retired from the Credit Union on February 26, 1993. The Ruby A. Robinson Scholarship Program was created in 1992 to commemorate Ruby's many years of dedicated service to the Credit Union and its membership.



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Please type or print all information. Scholarship Applications are current only for the academic year submitted.

Name_____Argent Account#_____

Address_____Home Phone () _____

City, State, Zip _____E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____Date of Graduation _____

High School _____

College or University you plan to attend _____Field of Study _____

A. Scholastic Achievement - Please indicate your cumulative GPA (must be at least 3.0)_____. You must also submit an official high school transcript from the most recently completed semester with any honors/AP classes and SAT or ACT scores noted. The Credit Union must receive your transcript directly from the school in a sealed, stamped envelope **postmarked on or before March 2, 2015**. Your total cumulative GPA must be on the transcript. The Credit Union will not calculate grade point averages. For those individuals in home schooling, grades must be accompanied by standardized test results.

B. Extracurricular Activities - Please list school activities, including athletics and club memberships, since 9th grade. Use full name of organizations instead of abbreviations. You can use a separate sheet if needed.

Description of Activity	Grade Level				Approx. hrs/week	Your Role
	9	10	11	12		

C. Honors & Awards - Please list honors and awards since 9th grade. Use full names instead of abbreviations. You can use a separate sheet, if needed.

Honor or Award	Grade Level				Additional Comments
	9	10	11	12	

D. Community Service / Volunteer Work - Please list community service, including social, church, and volunteer experience since 9th grade. Use full names instead of abbreviations. You can use a separate sheet, if needed.

Organization / Group Benefited	Name of Supervisor / Leader	Approx. hrs/week	Your Role

E. Work Experience - Please list any job, including summer employment, you held during the past three years. You can use a separate sheet, if needed.

Employer	Type of Work	Approx. Dates of Employment Seasonal or Part-time	Approx. hrs/week	Additional Comments

F. Essay Questions - Essays must be typed, double-spaced and and a minimum of 300 words each. Put your name on top right corner of each page. Please respond to the following questions.

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I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents are true and correct. I understand that if for any reason I discontinue my studies, I must notify Argent Credit Union within 10 days. I agree that the Credit Union may use my name and possibly a photograph for publicity purposes.

Applicant’s Signature _____

Date _____



Checklist of items to be returned:
Application, Two Essays, Official Transcript with Total Cumulative GPA and Two Letters of Recommendation.

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