



2019 Dana Winkler Scholarship Program

College is expensive and the competition for scholarships can be challenging. We want to help. We've created the easiest possible scholarship program, with a substantial award, exclusively for Wichita Federal Credit Union members.

Scholarship Awards

Wichita Federal Credit Union (WFCU) will award up to eight (8), \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying students and their accredited educational institutions.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria prior to applying for a scholarship:

- Must be a current member of WFCU for a minimum of twelve (12) months, and account must be in good standing. Must be between 15-25 years of age, and either a graduating high school senior or full-time undergraduate college student enrolled in a post-secondary school.
- Must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.
- Previous recipients of the Dana Winkler Scholarship should note that you cannot receive this scholarship more than twice in succession. For example, if you were awarded a scholarship in 2017 and 2018, you are not eligible for the 2019 award. However, you are encouraged to apply again in 2020.
- Submit the completed WFCU application, signed consent form, a listing of scholastic awards/honors, extra-curricular activities/awards, community service, college career plans and career goals, and an essay of at least 500 words, answering the following two part question with specific examples:

“If you were the leader of this credit union, what would your top three initiatives be, and how would each benefit the credit union as well as members?”

Employees of WFCU, Directors, Volunteers, and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.



Application Process

Eligible members have three options for obtaining an application:

- 1) **Online** - at wichitafcu.com under "Services"
- 2) **Call** - 316.558.9504 to request an application to be mailed or e-mailed
- 3) **Come by** - any WFCU branch for an application

Upon completion, the application and required documents must be submitted in their entirety electronically - one of 2 ways:

- 1) **Online (Preferred method)** - Upload all materials on our website at <https://wichitafcu.com/services/dana-winkler-scholarship-program>
- 2) **E-mail (If not able to upload)** - All materials to: wfcuscholarships@wichitafcu.com

(Note on Transcripts: Colleges and/or Universities may elect to send transcripts directly to: Wichita Federal Credit Union, Att.: Amanda Westerman, Scholarship Coordinator, 9835 E. 21st St N., Wichita, KS 67206)

DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS. If you are unable to submit online or email, please call 316.558.9504.

Application and required documents submission deadline is April 1st, 2019, by 11:59pm CST.
Submissions are time stamped and will not be accepted after the deadline.

Selection Process

The volunteers of the Scholarship Committee review scholarship applications and determine scholarship recipients. Judging is based upon subjective criteria including dedication to academics, extracurricular activities, community involvement, personal goals and essay question responses.

The Scholarship Committee may deem it necessary to interview the top scholarship applicants. If interviews are held, applicants will be contacted by phone or e-mail as to the date, location and time of the interview. All applicants will be notified in May, 2019 via a phone call, email, and/or a letter. Please be sure all contact information is accurate and up to date on the application.

Additional Information

All submissions are due on or before **April 1, 2019, by 11:59pm CST.** Incomplete or late submissions will not be accepted. Submissions will not be returned to participants.

Scholarship recipients will be asked to submit their photograph in May, 2019 which may be used in publicizing Wichita Federal Credit Union's scholarship program. Do not send a photograph with the application. Checks will be issued to both the scholarship recipient and the recipients' school. Recipients and their parent(s) will receive an invitation to attend the awards dinner hosted by the Scholarship Committee for the presentation of the scholarship award certificate and check. For further information or additional questions call 316.558-9504 or send an e-mail to wfcuscholarships@wichitafcu.com.



About Mr. Dana Winkler

Mr. Winkler has been a member of Wichita Federal Credit Union since 1979. From 1979 until 2012, he served as the credit union director. He was the Chairman of the Board in both 1982 and 1999, and served on various committees, including the Scholarship Committee. Additionally, he volunteered for 5 years on the Wichita Public Schools Special Education Advisory Council and worked with the parents' organizations for hearing impaired and gifted students to better the services available to special education students.

Mr. Winkler also served his country. He is a Vietnam Veteran, and dedicated 30 years in the Army Reserves, retiring as a Full Colonel in 1997.

In 2012, a unanimous decision was made by the Board of Directors to name the WFCU Scholarship Program after Dana as a tribute to him for his dedicated service to the Board and our members, for over 30 years.

Dana was an attorney for the City of Wichita, having earned a law degree at Washburn University School of Law. He retired from the City Law Department after 22 years of service. Currently he is an attorney for the Sedgwick County District Court, as a Guardian ad litem. In this capacity he represents the best interest of children who are involved with the court and children in need of care.

The Dana Winkler Scholarship exemplifies excellence, perseverance, dedication and service to the community, as does Mr. Dana Winkler.

WFCU began awarding scholarships in 2004 to reward and encourage young members as they pursue post-secondary education. As of 2018, we are proud to have invested over \$94,000 in scholarships and young members in our community, ensuring the gift of knowledge to tomorrow's leaders.



Part 1 2019 Scholarship Application Checklist

Applicant's Name: _____

Major: _____

School/University: _____

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Enter grade point average: _____. (3.0 or above.) Attach a copy of an official current transcript from your college/university. High school applicants: Have the registrar sign and stamp the application form in the appropriate place. (If a stamp is not available, the registrar should make a note.)

Submit an essay of at least 500 words on the following topic:

“If you were the leader of this credit union, what would your top three initiatives be, and how would each benefit the credit union as well as members?”

Submit essay and parts 1 through 4 of the application electronically one of two ways:

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Part 2 2019 Dana Winkler Scholarship Application

Personal Information: *Please type or print in black/blue ink:*

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

Date of Membership (Must be at least one year prior to application date): _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No Hours worked per week _____

Name of employer: _____

Father's name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business: _____

Business Phone: _____

Mother's name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Business: _____

Business Phone: _____

Educational History: *List all high school(s) or college(s) attended*

School	City/State	Dates of Attendance	Graduation date/Degree or Diploma

High School Applicants Only:

High School Registrar to complete the following information and sign:

Applicant's grade point average is _____ out of a possible _____.

The applicant is ranked _____ in a class of _____.

Registrar's Signature _____

Date _____

Part 3
2019 Dana Winkler Scholarship Application

List your scholastic awards/honors and any offices held in these organizations. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

List your extra-curricular activities/awards and any offices held in these organizations. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Share your college career plans and career goals for the next five to ten years. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

State briefly why you should be considered for this scholarship:

Part 4
2019 Dana Winkler Scholarship Consent Form

Wichita Federal Credit Union may use photographs, slides, videos, or illustrations of students in newsletters or publications produced by WFCU, in social media, slide presentations, videos, and/or web sites about the scholarships. Local media (TV, newspaper, radio stations) frequently want to interview students to add a personal touch to stories. Students' comments may be used in newspapers or broadcast on radio or TV.

Please initial the statements below:

____ I give permission to Wichita Federal Credit Union or the news media to use photographs, slides, videos, illustrations, or interviews.

____ I acknowledge that the Dana Winkler Scholarship is **not** transferable to another college or university without prior approval from the WFCU Scholarship Committee.

____ I have reviewed the Official Scholarship rules in this packet.

____ I am eligible for the Dana Winkler Scholarship, per the official scholarship rules.

Student's name:

_____ *Date:* _____
Please Print

Signature of Student: _____

Name of Parents/Legal Guardian (if applicant is a dependent):

_____ *Please Print*

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Street address, City, State, Zip: _____

Please include this completed and signed form with your scholarship application.

By signing this document, I certify that all the answers I have given in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information will be kept confidential and will be available only to scholarship committee members. I acknowledge WFCU's right to crop or treat the photograph and/or video at its discretion. I also acknowledge that WFCU may choose not to use my photo or video at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date. I also understand that if my image or video is posted on WFCU's website, the image can be downloaded by any computer user, member or not. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the following: Wichita Federal Credit Union and all Employees, Board and Committee members of Wichita Federal Credit Union.