

COPFCU offers two \$4,000 scholarships each year to two high school seniors. The scholarships will be \$1,000 per year for each of four consecutive years while the recipients are students in good standing at accredited colleges or universities. The awards are paid directly to the recipient's COPFCU Savings account to be used towards tuition and/or other expenses.

Scholarship Application Requirements

A candidate for COPFCU's Irvin Specht & Emily Argo Memorial Scholarship must:

- 1. Be a child or legal dependent of a member of COPFCU in good standing at the time of application.
- 2. Be or become a member of COPFCU in good standing at time of application. (The scholarship applicant must have a separate COPFCU membership in their name and under their social security number. Membership is established by opening a Savings Account with a minimum deposit of \$5.)
- 3. Be a senior, graduate from an accredited high school in 2019, and be accepted as an entering full-time, first-year student at an accredited college or university.
- 4. Submit a seven-semester transcript of grades from his/her accredited high school including GPA, class standing, and ACT/SAT scores.
- 5. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above for high school courses.
- 6. Submit SAT and/or ACT test results (if not included on official high school transcripts).
- 7. **Complete the attached application and essay pages and return them to COPFCU on or before March 1, 2019. *If you wish to have your scholarship application also submitted to the Cincinnati Area Credit Union Outreach Alliance (CACUOA) for their 2019 scholarship(s), you must complete all CACUOA Forms & Essays and return all requested items by February 15, 2019.***
- 8. If required, participate in interviews and other activities as directed by the selection committee.

Selection

Selection of the recipients will be made by the Board of Directors of COPFCU from a list of candidates presented by a committee appointed by the Board. Selection is based on criteria established by the committee and approved by the Board of Directors. Recipients may receive this award in addition to any other awards or financial assistance received.

Recipient Requirements

Recipients will be required to be a full-time student and maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 GPA scale to remain eligible for the annual payment. As a result, the recipients are required to send grades to the credit union at the end of each school year. Should a recipient discontinue active attendance, fail to maintain the minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA, or otherwise become disqualified, the remaining scholarship funds will be forfeited and will instead be awarded to the runner up.



**2019 Irvin Specht & Emily Argo
Memorial Scholarship Application**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. RETURN THE APPLICATION(S), ATTACHMENTS, AND OTHER REQUIRED MATERIAL TO COPFCU ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2019.

Student's Name _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City, State & ZIP _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____ SSN _____

Student's High School _____ Age _____

Date of Graduation _____

Colleges/Universities You Have Applied to _____

Student's Credit Union Account Number _____

Parent/Legal Guardian who is a member of the COPFCU

Name _____

Where Employed _____

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to the COPFCU to verify any of the above information.

Student/Candidate _____ Date _____

Mail or fax the completed application and all supporting documents to:

COPFCU

3550 Springdale Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45251

Fax: (513) 385-2011

If you would like to have your scholarship application ALSO SUBMITTED TO THE CINCINNATI CHAPTER OF THE OHIO CREDIT UNION LEAGUE for their 2019 Scholarship, please complete all attached Cincinnati Chapter forms/essays and RETURN THEM TO COPFCU BY FEBRUARY 15, 2019.

Your application will be scored based on how well you answer the questions, neatness and how you follow the instructions. Please do not staple the application and additional pages together. Type the answers to the questions on a separate page, and do not include your name on the essay sheets. Do not use the back side of the pages. If these instructions are not followed, your application will be disqualified.

1. Please list your community and/or school activities, and your employment history.
2. Why are you applying for this scholarship and how is it consistent with your educational/career/life goals?
3. In addition to scholarships, how do you plan to finance the rest of your education? How can a credit union help you?
4. What has been your most rewarding community involvement experience and why?

Please answer the following question by attaching your typed, double-spaced response.

(Entries should be no longer than four pages, and we strongly encourage creativity.)

5. What do you think the financial institution (credit union) of the future will look like in 10 years? Thinking about 10 years from now, how will the needs of consumers change and what will still be the same?

To simplify the application process for students, the same essay questions are used for the Cincinnati Police FCU Scholarship and the Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio Credit Union League Scholarship.

Name/Photo/Print/Video Release Agreement

The undersigned hereby irrevocably consents to and authorizes the use and reproduction by the Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union (COPFCU) and its agents, or anyone else authorized by COPFCU, the right to use any and all photographs or other types of images, voice recordings and/or video or writings that you have taken or recorded or that COPFCU has taken or recorded, with or without my name, for any purpose, whatsoever, including but not limited to, purpose of publicity, advertising, banners, illustration, posters, publications, writings and web content, in connection with COPFCU in print or electronically.

I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on the behalf of my estate release COPFCU and their officers, directors, employees, and agents from all actions, losses, costs, judgments, and expenses including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney fees arising out of or in connection with the use of my writings, testimonial, and/or likeness authorized herein.

I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of the Cincinnati Ohio Police Federal Credit Union and will not be returned. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photographs, writings, etc.

Student/Applicant _____

Date _____

Legal Guardian or Parent if a Minor (under age 18)

Signature _____

Date _____



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Scholarship Committee of the Cincinnati Area Credit Union Outreach Alliance invites you to apply for a scholarship. There will be at least eight scholarships awarded at \$1,000 each. To qualify, you must be at least a senior in a local high school and plan to enroll in post-high school studies, including vocational, professional and academic studies, which are not limited to colleges and universities. Applicants may also be anyone who is obtaining an Associates or Bachelor Degree. You yourself must be a primary member of an Ohio Credit Union in one of the Cincinnati Chapter area counties to be eligible. (Cincinnati Chapter Counties are: Hamilton, Clermont, Brown, Adams, Butler, and Warren)

Please return your completed application to: CACUOA Scholarship Committee, C/O Karen Riel, United Methodist Financial Credit Union, 431 Ohio Pike, Suite 100 N, Cincinnati, OH, 45255, postmarked no later than February 15, 2019. This form may be reproduced on a computer.

Winners only will be notified by email by March 29, 2019. Names of the winners may be published in the local newspaper after the awards dinner.

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Birth date _____ E-mail _____

High School/College you currently attend _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian is required for applicants under age 18:

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

As stated above, YOU must be a member of an Ohio credit union. The account must be in YOUR name. List the full name of your Credit Union below:

Your membership will be verified. If YOU are not a member your application will be disqualified.



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