



## 2017 Grant Program Application

### General Information

EECU's Board of Directors established the Student Grant Program to assist EECU members who are pursuing a post-high school education at a community college, university/college, vocational/technical school, or advanced professional training in the United States. During the 2017-2018 academic year, a maximum of 50 members will each receive a \$2,000 grant. To be considered for a grant, you must meet the grant requirements outlined below.

### Grant Requirements

To be eligible for grant consideration, members must complete the grant application, submit all required documents by the deadline, and meet the following requirements:

- 1) EECU member, joint member or joint owner on an account for a minimum of six (6) months prior to the application close date of 12/9/2016. Account must be in good standing.
  - a. If you are a joint owner on an account and you are selected to receive a grant, you will be required to open an account as a primary member before the grant funds may be awarded.
- 2) Currently enrolled full time in an accredited high school as a senior; or, provide documentation of completion of high school (high school transcript or GED certification); or  
Currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary school (provide all official transcripts); or, planning to enroll in an accredited post-secondary school (provide all official transcripts); or  
Currently home-schooled and/or attend a non-accredited private school (provide all official transcripts and photocopies of ACT and/or SAT scores).
- 3) Demonstrate through the application process potential for success in the program for which the grant is sought.
- 4) Demonstrate involvement in community service and how the grant will be used.
- 5) Submit the application, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, official transcripts, current course printout, and, if home-schooled, a photocopy of ACT and/or SAT scores by the **December 9, 2016**, deadline (refer to mailing procedures for specific deadline details).
- 6) If selected, present verification of enrollment for the 2017/2018 academic year prior to disbursement of the grant by no later than March 31, 2018, for education or career training beyond the high school level at an institution in the United States and the District of Columbia or grant is forfeited.

EECU employees, officials, and their spouses and dependents are ineligible. A grant reading committee member and his/her immediate family members are not eligible to apply for a grant.

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Read the entire application carefully and type or print in ink. Application, personal statement, two (2) letters of recommendation, official transcript(s), current course printout, and if home-schooled photocopies of ACT and/or SAT scores, must be submitted together. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. **The application deadline is December 9, 2016; refer to mailing procedures on the Grant Application Checklist page in this application for specific deadline details.** Contact Michelle at (559) 437-7840 if you have questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Message Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EECU Account Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

EECU Member for \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an enrolled student?  Yes  No  Full Time  Part Time

If yes, list name and address of the school you are attending \_\_\_\_\_

If no, list the name, address and year of the last institution you attended \_\_\_\_\_

Current class level \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. Freshman) Expected completion date \_\_\_\_\_

Diplomas/certifications received and dates \_\_\_\_\_

***(Official transcripts are required from the educational institutions you have attended. Home-schooled applicants are also required to provide copies of ACT and/or SAT scores. You must also submit a printout of your current course schedule if it is not listed on your transcript.)***

What is the name and address of the educational institution you will attend during the 2017-2018 academic year?  
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Will you attend full time? \_\_\_\_\_ or part time? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your educational goal? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list/describe your work history/volunteer work for the past five years (include dates).

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I certify that the information contained in this application is true, and if selected as a grant recipient agree to provide EECU with verification of enrollment prior to receipt of grant funds. I also understand that final selection of grant recipients will be the responsibility of the EECU Grant Reading Committee. EECU has my permission to notify the financial aid office of the institution named in section three above if I am selected to receive a grant. EECU has my permission to publish my name, photo, grant amount, and a brief biography.

Applicant's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18, parent or guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Statement

Type a personal statement on this form (500 words maximum) that addresses each topic listed below. You may submit one additional sheet if necessary.

- Career and educational goals
  - Challenges or obstacles to meeting your goals (i.e. financial need, family obligations, etc.)
  - Community service involvement, volunteer work, or other activities
  - Creative achievements, honors and awards you have received
  - Why EECU should select you to receive this grant, and how you will use the money. If you are a previous EECU grant recipient, please let us know how you used the money to further your education.
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Applicant's name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Letter of Recommendation**  
**Educational Employees Credit Union – Fresno, California**  
**Educational Grant Program**

**Applicant:** Do not select close friends or relatives. It is very important that you select someone who has a professional relationship with you, such as a current or former employer, teacher, counselor, or others who can address your accomplishments and strengths. The reading committee is looking for thorough and complete letters of recommendation. The person you select will return this form to you in a sealed envelope. You must submit the sealed envelope with your application to EECU by **December 9, 2016**.

**Reference:** This form/application is available online at myEECU.org. If you are completing this form on-screen, you may place your cursor in the spaces below and type your answers. You may attach one additional page if necessary. Your detailed evaluation of the person and your complete answers to both questions will help EECU select the grant recipients. Return this form in a **sealed envelope to the applicant** as soon as possible. The applicant must submit the sealed envelope with the application to EECU by **December 9, 2016**. **Do not mail this separately to EECU.**

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Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the applicant's greatest strengths?

Please provide additional information about the applicant's qualifications, personal characteristics and strengths, relative to his/her educational/career goals, to assist the grant committee in its selection process.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone – Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grant Application Checklist

Please review the checklist below to ensure that you submit all of the required paperwork to be considered for a grant. Incomplete applications will not be considered. We strongly recommend that you have a parent, teacher, counselor, or other academic professional review your application to ensure that it is complete.

- Completed grant application, signed by the applicant
- Completed personal statement, signed by the applicant
- Two (2) completed letters of recommendation, each in a sealed envelope. **If the recommendation letters are not submitted in sealed envelopes your entire grant application will be ineligible.**
- Official transcript(s) from the educational institution(s) you have attended, in an envelope sealed by the educational institution. **If the transcript(s) is not submitted in a sealed envelope your entire grant application will be ineligible. Transcript(s) should be sufficient to judge past academic performance; you are strongly encouraged to submit more than one to show complete academic history.**
- A printed copy of the classes you are currently taking (current course schedule) if not included on your transcript.
- Photocopy of ACT and/or SAT scores (required only for applicants who are home-schooled or attended a non-accredited private school).

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### Grant Application Submission

**In-person:** Applications must be received at the address below by 5 p.m. December 9, 2016 (this is not a branch location; this office is located at the corner of Shaw & Forkner). Applications received after the deadline or at a location other than the address listed below will not be considered.

**By mail:** Applications must be postmarked by midnight December 9, 2016. Applications postmarked after midnight December 9 will not be considered.

Place application, personal statement, letters of recommendation (each in a sealed envelope), official transcript(s) (in envelope sealed by the institution), course schedule, and, if home-schooled, photocopies of ACT and/or SAT scores into one large envelope. Seal the envelope and mail or deliver to:

Educational Employees Credit Union  
Grant Committee  
2222 W. Shaw Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93711

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### Notification and Distribution of Grant

You will receive email notification from the credit union as verification of our receipt of your completed application package.

All applicants will receive email notification by March 31, 2017, regarding selection of the grant recipients.

Grant recipients must submit verification of enrollment in a qualifying institution for disbursement of grant funds.

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Application information:  
Michelle Hernandez  
559-437-7840  
1-800-538-3328

**Educational Employees Credit Union  
2017 Grant Reading Committee Rating Sheet**

Candidate's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Final Score \_\_\_\_\_

Total your score at the end and place it at the top of this page. Retain your rating sheet for discussion, and enter your total on the summary sheet provided.

1. \_\_\_/20 Personal statement (*total of a-e below, each scored on a 1-4 scale – 1 is low and 4 is high; 20 point maximum for item 1*)

- a. \_\_\_ Career and educational goals as described
- b. \_\_\_ Challenges identified that affect goals (i.e. financial need, family obligations, etc.)
- c. \_\_\_ Volunteer work/community involvement/other activities
- d. \_\_\_ Achievements, honors, awards
- e. \_\_\_ Why candidate should be selected and the intended use of grant money

2. \_\_\_/10 Information gained from recommendations. (10 points maximum)

\_\_\_/5 Did the applicant select individuals who adequately addressed his/her strengths as they relate to the applicant's career/educational goals?

\_\_\_/5 Did the recommendation letters address how the applicant's strengths, qualifications, and personal characteristics relate to his/her career/educational goals?

3. \_\_\_/10 Potential for success in chosen career. (10 points maximum) Are the applicant's grades, coursework, strengths, and personal characteristics in alignment with his/her chosen career?

4. \_\_\_/10 Overall assessment. (10 points maximum) What is your overall assessment/evaluation of the applicant based on the information provided in the personal statement, letters of recommendation, transcript/course schedule, and application (GPA and work history)?

\_\_\_ Most recent cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Score** (50 points maximum)

Additional comments, observations, notes from evaluator

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Evaluator's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator's Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

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