

## **EECU Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. Is the grant just for high school seniors?**

No. The grant is open to anyone pursuing education beyond high school (undergraduate, graduate, Ph.D. etc.).

### **2. Do all applicants have to provide ACT/SAT scores?**

No. As stated in Grant Requirements #4, only home-schooled and non-accredited private school applicants must submit copies of ACT/SAT scores. If you were not home schooled or did not attend a non-accredited private school, you don't have to provide the test scores.

### **3. Do you have to be an EECU member to apply for the grant?**

Yes, the person who is applying for the grant has to be a member of the credit union. All grant applicants must have their account open for six months prior to the close of the application period. Refer to the grant application for the exact date by which your account must be opened.

### **4. Can the letter of recommendation be submitted on letterhead instead of the form provided in the application?**

Yes, as long as the recommendation letter addresses the questions that are listed on the form. The letter must be submitted to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

### **5. Can I drop my application off at an EECU branch?**

No. The application must be mailed or delivered to the address shown on the Grant Application Checklist page. Applications mailed or delivered to a branch will be ineligible.

### **6. Can the application be postmarked by the deadline or does it have to be received by the deadline?**

The application has to be received at the address shown on the Grant Application Checklist page by the deadline date.

### **7. Is this grant strictly based on financial need or GPA?**

No. The selection committee considers financial need, GPA, information from the personal statement and letters of recommendation to determine who will receive a grant.

### **8. If I'm in my first year of college and I do not have a college transcript, what should I submit?**

You should submit your high school transcript.

**9. What are the biggest reasons an application is ineligible for consideration?**

The applicant didn't follow the directions in the checklist. It is very important to follow the instructions and submit the application according to the requirements. For example, if the letters of recommendation are not submitted in sealed envelopes, the entire grant application is ineligible. Bottom line – follow the instructions in the checklist to ensure that your application is eligible for consideration.

**10. What if I mail my application in plenty of time, but the post office delivers it after the deadline?**

EECU has no control over the delivery of postal mail; if an application is received after the deadline it is considered ineligible. If you can deliver the application in person you can avoid the possibility of mail delays. If you must mail your application, do so well in advance of the deadline.

**11. Can I deliver my application in person?**

Yes, you may deliver your application in person prior to the deadline. The address is 2222 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93711. Our office is located on Shaw Avenue between West Avenue and Van Ness Extension. It is a two-story gray building on the northwest corner of Shaw and Forkner.

**12. Do you call the applicants to let them know you received their application?**

Due to the volume of applications received, we do not call to confirm receipt. However, you may call to inquire about your application.