

PIONEER VALLEY CHAPTER

OF THE COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION ASSOCIATION

2025 CREDIT UNION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

DUE DATE MARCH 7, 2025

The Pioneer Valley Chapter's Scholarship Committee will be awarding **eight (8) \$2,000** Chapter Scholarships. Information regarding eligibility for these scholarships is listed below.

- 1. Eligibility is limited to high school seniors who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college degree program during the 2025-2026 academic years.
- 2. Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of UMassFive College Federal Credit Union.
- 3. The credit union must be a member in good standing with the Pioneer Valley Chapter.
- 4. Each applicant must complete a current 2025 Scholarship Application form and submit it with the other required material **to UMassFive College Credit Union.**
- 5. Each credit union will then select its top 2 applications and forward them to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. UMassFive will verify that each applicant and/or parent/guardian is a credit union member.

The Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship winners evaluating each applicant on the following criteria: academic achievement, extracurricular/community activities and essay.

Students <u>must</u> submit the following items with their completed applications. All items requested must be received in order for the application to qualify for consideration.

- 1. Completed application.
- 2. List of extracurricular school activities and community service.
- 3. Students must submit a typewritten essay in 500 words or less on the following topic: *"How has a failure or setback in your life shaped who you are today?"*
- 4. An official high school academic transcript of grades, *including* midyear/first semester senior grades, completed by their counselor.
- 5. If taken, standardized (SAT, ACT or both) testing scores (either on official high school transcript or a copy from a testing agency).

Complete applications must be received or postmarked by March 7, 2025. Applications may be dropped off to a UMassFive branch, emailed to scholarship@umassfive.coop, or mailed to: UMassFive College FCU Attn: Cait Murray PO Box 1060 Hadley, MA 01035.

For questions, please email scholarship@umassfive.coop.