



John D. Unangst Memorial Scholarship

Application Guide

Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation is awarding four \$4,000 John D. Unangst Memorial Scholarships to high school seniors who will be attending a full time course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university, trade, technical or business school. All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the FMFCU Foundation Celebration on April 10, 2025 at The Drexelbrook in Drexel Hill, PA.

ELIGIBILITY

- Qualified applicants must be a graduating high school senior who will be attending a full time course of study at an accredited two (2) or four (4) year college, university, trade, technical, or business school.
- Applicants must reside in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey or Maryland.
- Recipients must be able to attend the FMFCU Foundation Celebration on April 10, 2025, at The Drexelbrook to personally accept the award.
- Employees and volunteers of Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation, their affiliates, and their immediate family members are ineligible

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A complete application must be submitted prior to the deadline of January 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM EST. Applications are only accepted online through the official online submission form. Mailed or hand-delivered applications will not be considered. For a submission to be considered complete, it should contain all required information, including:

- An application
- Copy of high school transcript (official or unofficial)
- Written essay

ESSAY

Topic: **What is a special attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart?**

Logistics:

- The essay should be no longer than two pages, double-spaced.
- The applicant's name, school or school district must not appear anywhere on or in the body of the essay.

Essays will be scored on a point system based on these criteria:

- Addressing the prompt: *acknowledgement of this year's topic*
- Effort: *demonstrates quality, details, personality and insight*
- Wording/Phrasing: *demonstrates command of language*
- Organization: *fluid sentence and paragraph structure with clear transitions from the opening statement to the body, and to the conclusion of the essay*
- Revision/Editing: *subject-verb agreement, consistent verb tense, accurate punctuation, free of spelling errors and typos*

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarships are awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis. Scholarship recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability or other protected characteristics. The essays are anonymously judged by a committee. The application containing student information, including name and school, is hidden from reviewers. The committee is comprised of representatives from the field of education and FMFCU Foundation. Essays will be anonymously scored on a point system based on the categories described above.

A final committee of three judges will evaluate the highest scoring essays to determine the final four recipients. No award may be recommended to a party related to any member of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

FMFCU Foundation scholarship recipients shall be notified after the Foundation has given final approval of the scholarship award recipients. Please ensure all applicant contact information is correct, as it will be used by FMFCU Foundation to notify recipients. Recipients shall be required to sign and return a copy of the letter indicating their acceptance of the scholarship and confirm attendance at the FMFCU Foundation Celebration.

DISBURSEMENTS

FMFCU Foundation will send scholarship checks directly to the educational institution selected by the recipient, and will instruct the institution to deposit the check into the recipient's school account upon verification of the student's full-time status.

It is the policy of FMFCU Foundation to require the educational institutions that have received funds on behalf of the scholarship recipients to return unused funds to the Foundation if the student transfers, or otherwise ceases to be enrolled at the institution, or if the funds cannot be used on behalf of the student for academic purposes or for room and board expenses payable to the institution. FMFCU Foundation does not intend that scholarship awards be made available directly to students.

JOHN D. UNANGST PROFILE AND SCHOLARSHIP HISTORY



Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union's first and long-tenured President/CEO John D. Unangst spearheaded a number of community and product initiatives. Among them is Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to supporting education and charitable causes in communities served by Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. John served as the first Board President of FMFCU Foundation and was a leader in establishing the annual FMFCU Foundation Celebration, championing financial literacy, and played a key role in the continuation of Delco Hi-Q, the oldest continuous academic competition in the United States.

Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors named its scholarship program in honor of John's 25th anniversary with the Credit Union in 2001. Today, FMFCU Foundation continues the tradition by awarding four \$4,000 scholarships for qualified tuition expenses.