



2022 Essay Challenge Scholarship Application Form

Applicant's Name	Member # (If available. <i>No need to be a member to apply</i>)
Permanent Physical Address	City, State, Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from physical address)	City, State, Zip Code
E-mail Address	U.S. Citizen Y/N
Phone	
High School	Graduation Date
Choice of College/University	Major Area of Study
Student's Present Employer (if applicable)	Job Title and Average Weekly Hours
Parent/Guardian's Name	Address
Phone	City, State, Zip Code

NuVision Credit Union will select six recipients to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship award.

Application Deadline: April 22, 2022

Entries (including scholarship application forms) must be emailed to essaychallenge@nuvisioncu.org OR postmarked or delivered to any branch or office of by **April 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM PST.**

No Deadline Exceptions.

Eligibility: Essay Challenge entrants must be a graduating high school senior and a resident of Alaska, Arizona, California, Washington, or Wyoming. Membership not required to apply. The scholarship must be used for attending a licensed/certified post-high school program in the fall of 2022. Applicants must have a minimum of 2.25 cumulative GPA and be enrolled as a full-time student. Employees, board members and committee members of NuVision Credit Union and their children are not eligible to enter.

Certification and Release Authorization: I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/ or verify this application. I agree to abide by the decisions of the scholarship committee and understand that the decisions of the committee will be final and not open to contest.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Requirements

1. You must be a resident of Alaska, Arizona, California, Washington, or Wyoming and a high school senior graduating in 2022. *You do not need to be a Nuvision Credit Union member to apply.*
2. Minimum 2.25 cumulative GPA. No SAT or ACT scores required.
3. You submit your completed essay and application packet in correct order on or before the **April 22, 2022 deadline.**

Your application packet must include *all* the following in the order given:

1. A completed **scholarship application form** (page 1 of this document).
2. **An essay** on the assigned topic: *“What does financial success mean to you?” (Essay tips are below).*
3. **Official academic transcripts** for all high schools attended. If you are unable to acquire official transcripts, please provide written reason why.
4. Submit **one recommendation letter** from a reference, such as an instructor, academic counselor, coach, community leader, or employer.

Essay Topic

“What does financial success mean to you? What are your personal views on financial success and how do you plan to achieve your goals? What habits do you need to practice or learn to help you with your plan?”

Some important issues to reference or consider in your essay:

1. Create a personal title for your essay to help stand out and create a theme.
2. Please keep the essay to no more than **two pages double spaced.**
3. Realize that the definition of financial success varies for everyone so there is no wrong answer on what it means to you. Here are some different examples to consider from what people would consider an achievement to them:
 - a. Repairing their credit scores and paying bills on time.
 - b. The ability to build a savings account and invest in their future (buying a home, starting a family, retirement, etc.).
 - c. Being fiscally secure enough to attain wanted items and enjoy life (vacations, trips, cars, entertainment, concerts, etc.).
 - d. The freedom to have additional financial resources to pay for things like their children’s education, buy a vacation home, donations to causes they care about, or to be able to retire early.
 - e. At Nuvision, we believe putting forth a consistent effort to put yourself in the best place possible is an achievement.
4. Think about what financial success means to you now and how you think those views may change during college, in your adulthood, and into your retirement years?
5. What financial literacy programs have you participated in or know of that can be helpful to your essay and goals as you prepare for tomorrow’s financial challenges? If you have no experience with these programs, explain if you think you would have benefited from these types of programs and why.

Staple or scan all pages together in the order given above or save in the same order if submitting via email. Binders or folders will not be accepted. Failure to comply with any of the requirements may result in disqualification.

Selection

Essays and applications will be reviewed, judged, and scored by a committee of Credit Union members & employees. The primary intent of the committee is to assist students in advancing their education.

Financial need is not a criterion; however, if a student is already a winner of a full scholarship or has congressional appointment to a military academy where further award will not be meaningful, an application should not be made. Recipients are selected without regard to race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, veteran status, sex, or handicap. The decisions of the committee are final. The committee will evaluate your essay and application on content, creativity, overall appearance, grammar, and neatness. Winners will be contacted by Nuvision's marketing team to coordinate prizes and the check presentation.

The deadline again is [April 22, 2022](#). How to submit:

Email packet to essaychallenge@nuvisioncu.org

OR

Drop off at any Nuvision branch:
www.nuvisionfederal.com/locations

OR

You can mail your essay and packet to:

For Alaska applicants:

Nuvision Alaska Credit Union
Attn: Marketing/Essay Contest
440 E. 36th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99503

For Arizona, California, Washington & Wyoming Applicants:

Nuvision Credit Union
Attn: Marketing/Essay Contest
7812 Edinger Ave,
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

If you are mailing your packet and essay in, please make sure it arrives by **April 22, 2022**.

Thank you for applying and best of luck, Class of 2022!