



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Freedom First offers several direct academic scholarships to exceptional students in the Roanoke & New River Valleys. Botetourt, Craig & Franklin County residents are also eligible.

Charles Perkins Scholarships

These scholarships are named in honor of Charles Perkins, who served as general manager and president of Freedom First Credit Union. Three \$1,500 scholarships are awarded each year in his name.

Fritz Kehn Scholarship

The \$1,500 Fritz Kehn scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Fred D. "Fritz" Kehn, one of the original members of the Credit Union. A former General Electric sheet metal foreman in Salem, Fritz served as the first Credit Union president in 1956. His dedication continued as a member of the Board of Directors.

City of Salem/Frank Turk Scholarship

A \$1,500 scholarship is awarded each year in recognition of the City of Salem Employees Credit Union. Frank Turk served as its president from 1978 to 2004 and was elected to the Freedom First Board of Directors in 2004.

Application

Fill out page two of this document and submit it via education@freedomfirst.com

Mail: Freedom First Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1999, Salem, VA 24153.

Or call: (540) 861-1111

Phone: (540) 861-1111

Qualifications

- High School senior or college student with a minimum of one semester remaining until degree.
- Must be a member of Freedom First Credit Union.
- City of Salem/Frank Turk Scholarship applicants must have an employment relationship with the City of Salem, City of Salem School Division, or Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare.

Required Information

- A completed application form with attachments must be received by **3:00 p.m. on July 3, 2020.**
- An official high school (if you are a high school senior) or college (if you are a college student) transcript.
- One letter of recommendation. Can be from a friend, family member, employer, teacher, school counselor, or school administrator.

Judging

Applicants will be judged on academic achievement, work ethic, civic involvement, financial need, and an essay. An independent committee will review the applications. Winners will be notified by phone or letter.

* Freedom First also contributes to the Virginia Tech Scholarship Fund, sponsors a scholarship awarded by the Cabell Brand Center for Global Poverty and Resource Sustainability Studies, and sponsors a memorial scholarship at Lord Botetourt High School. You may contact those organizations directly to learn more about those scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print all information. Scholarship applications are accepted only for the academic year submitted.

Name: _____ Social Security number: _____

Address: _____

Freedom First account number: _____ Date of birth: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Schools/colleges to which you have applied/been accepted: _____

School/college you expect to attend: _____

Expected tuition and fees: \$ _____

Please include the following information as separate attachments.

Are you also applying for the City of Salem/Frank Turk Scholarship? YES NO

If yes, please provide eligibility. (see qualifications below)

1. An official high school (if you are a high school senior) or college (if you are a college student) transcript.
2. One letter of recommendation. Can be from a friend, family member, employer, teacher, school counselor, or school administrator.
3. A description of your career goal.
4. A statement of not more than one typewritten, single-spaced page, to describe one of the following ideas:
 - a. "How Freedom First Credit Union has helped me or my family,"
 - b. "Why Freedom First Credit Union is important to my community," or
 - c. "Why a college degree is important to me"
5. A statement explaining your financial need.
6. Any additional considerations which you would like the scholarship committee to consider (Optional: a list of your participation in school activities (i.e. athletics/clubs) from 9th grade to present, a list of any awards, honors, etc. you have received while in high school or college).

Note: If you are applying for the City of Salem/Frank Turk Scholarship, please also list your parent/guardian's place of employment. Applicants must have an employment relationship with the City of Salem, City of Salem School Division, or Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare to be considered for the City of Salem/Frank Turk Scholarship.

Sign this application and submit your complete package by any one of the 3 methods below before 3:00 p.m. on July 3, 2020, to:

CSA Freedom First Credit Union Attn: Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 1999 Salem, VA 24153 Or EMAIL: education@freedomfirst.com
Or FAX: (540) 427-6783

Signature

Date