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## First Tech Scholarship

First Tech Federal Credit Union is proud to provide a scholarship program annually to support our members' dreams of attaining higher education. Please refer to this FAQ to answer any questions you might have.

**I have a First Tech username and password, can I use this to access the scholarship application?**

The First Tech Scholarship application doesn't require a login. You can click on the link and get started.

**I am a parent/guardian of a student who would like to apply for the scholarship; do they need to have their own account with First Tech?**

Applicants must have their own account with First Tech before the designated deadline to be eligible for the scholarship.

**How do I set up a First Tech account if I'm under 18 years of age?**

Students younger than 18 years can open an account in-person at a First Tech branch along with their guardian or schedule a virtual appointment here:

<https://www.firsttechfed.com/bank/digital-banking/appointments>

**How do I know if my major fits within the STEM application requirement?**

Here are some examples of a STEM-focused major: Computer Science, Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Environmental Science. This list is not inclusive of all STEM majors. Please reach out to [community@firsttechfed.com](mailto:community@firsttechfed.com) if you have a specific question regarding your major eligibility.

**What do I list for my university/college if I don't know which institution I'll be attending until late spring?**

Please list the school you're most likely to attend the coming fall of the current calendar year, even if you're not certain. First Tech will follow up individually with scholarship finalists to confirm any institution changes.

**Am I eligible for this scholarship if I plan to study in a country outside of the United States?**

Yes. Scholarship funds can be sent to a college or university outside of the United States.

**I live outside of the United States but plan to study at an institution in the United States. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

Yes.

**I have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.3, am I eligible for the scholarship?**

Eligible applicants must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.





**Can this scholarship be applied to books, housing, meals and other necessities, or are the funds restricted?**

Scholarship funds are sent directly to the university/college. Students are welcome to work with their institution in identifying where funds are needed most.

**I'm pursuing my Master's Degree, am I still eligible to apply for this scholarship?**

Students from all levels of study are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

**I am attending college part-time. Am I eligible for the scholarship?**

Yes! Full-time and part-time students can apply.

**Can I skip ahead to different pages of the application?**

Yes! You can move between pages by clicking on the blue toggle bars at the top of the application:



**Can I make changes to my application after I submit it?**

Unfortunately, no. You cannot make changes to your application once it's submitted, so make sure to review the content before clicking 'Submit form'.

**What qualifies as a "family member" of a First Tech employee?**

First Tech understands that family structures and the definition of family members can vary from person to person. Some examples of "family members" include (but are not limited to): spouses/legal domestic partners, grandchildren, children, siblings, cousins.

**My educational institution will not send a transcript to me directly, can I submit an unofficial transcript with the application?**

Yes. However, official transcripts are preferred.

**What are the guidelines for the letter of recommendation?**

We do not provide guidelines for the letter of recommendation and purposefully keep it open-ended. You can ask your recommender to speak to the topic of your choice.

**Can my teacher email my letter of recommendation to you?**

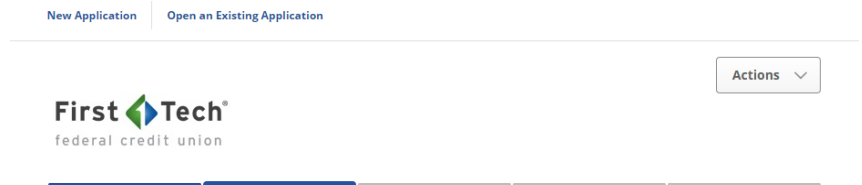
Considering the high volume of applications we receive, we're unable to accept letters of recommendation outside of the online application portal. Please ask your teacher to submit the recommendation directly to the application. You will not be able to view or open the attachment after it's submitted. Please see instructions on the next page.



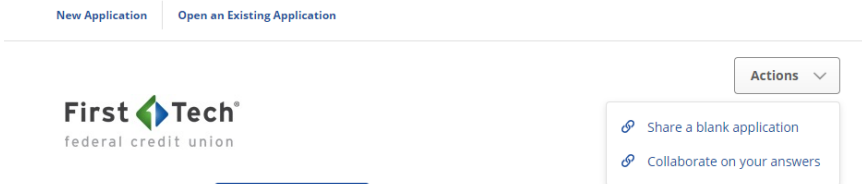


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**Step #1:** At the top of the application, directly above the navigation bar, there is an “Actions” button with a downward arrow:

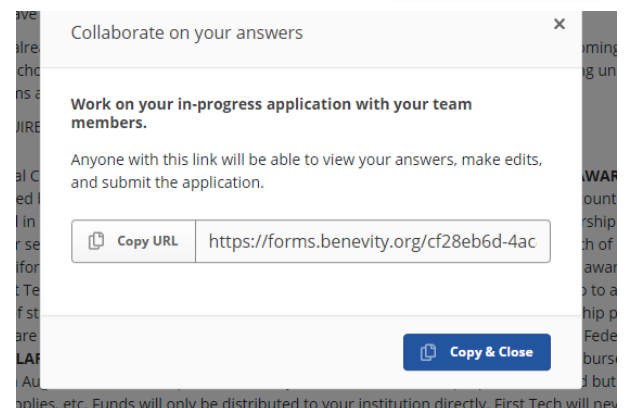


**Step #2:** Click on the “Actions” button with a downward arrow. Two options will pop up (1) Share a blank application and (2) Collaborate on your answers:



**Step #3:** Click on the “Collaborate on your answers” option. A pop up box will come up with a special link that gives anybody with the link the ability to edit the application, including adding a Letter of Recommendation

**Step #4:** You can copy the URL and share it with whoever you want to give you a Letter of Recommendation. Please note that once you share the link, the person will have the ability to make changes to your entire application. We advise giving your recommender detailed instructions, including the page of the application (pg. 3) where the LOR attachment can be attached; as well as how to get there (the blue navigation bar at the top).



If your question was not answered on this document, please reach out to [community@firsttechfed.com](mailto:community@firsttechfed.com).

