



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.

My student would like to apply for your 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.

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.

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

Students younger than 18 years must open an account at a First Tech branch along with their guardian.

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.

Which degrees are eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Full-time students attending undergraduate, graduate, associate, doctorate programs, vocational schools are all eligible to apply for this scholarship.

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 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/partners, grandchildren, children, siblings.

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 make an exception and upload the teacher recommendation directly onto the application. Instructions for uploading a letter of recommendation to the application are on the following page.





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

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<u>Step #2</u>: 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).

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