Kathryn R. Coleman Community Leader Scholarship
Guidelines
Application Deadline: Friday, March 31st, 2017

The Kathryn R. Coleman Community Leader Scholarship will be awarded to one student member to help fund his/her pursuit of a higher education.

Eligibility for $2,500 scholarship:
- CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union members either graduating from high school in spring/summer 2017 or continuing studies at a college, university, or other institution of higher learning in the 2017-2018 academic year.

1. **Student applicants must be primary members of CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union**
   Applicants must have an account in his or her own name at the credit union. Joint owners are not considered primary members.

2. Employees, directors, and committee members of CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union (and their immediate family members) are NOT eligible for the scholarship.

3. Applicants must submit:
   a. Completed scholarship application
   b. Official **sealed** school transcript(s)*
   c. Completed activities information and an essay of 250-500 words, typed and double-spaced *(Please DO NOT put your name on your essay)*
   d. A recent full color headshot will be requested if selected as winner (the photograph will be used in a CommonWealth One announcement)

4. The items above must be sent to CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union Headquarters and received by **Friday, March 31, 2017**. Incomplete or late entries will not be considered. **Submit entries to:**
   CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union
   email: scholarships@cofcu.org
   ATTN: Scholarship Contest
   P.O. Box 9997
   Alexandria, VA 22304-0797

5. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or other institution of higher learning during the 2017-2018 academic year.

6. **The award of $2,500**... 
   will be paid to the appropriate office at the educational institution of choice (must submit proof of registration). Money must be applied to the 2017-2018 academic year.

7. CommonWealth One judges’ decisions are final. CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union also reserves the right to cancel the competition in the event that too few qualified applications are received.

8. Winner will be notified no later than by the beginning of May 2017. Only the winning applicant will be notified.

* **Freshman applicants – please submit both a high school transcript and college transcript**
Scholarship Application

1. Please type or print your application clearly; essays should be typed and double-spaced.
2. Applicant must be a primary member of CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union.
3. Please DO NOT write your name, account number, or social security number on your essay or activities pages.
4. Application, essay, and sealed official transcripts must be received by Friday, March 31, 2017. Late entries will not be considered. Submit completed package to:
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I certify that all the information that I am providing is true and correct. I agree that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union may use my name and photograph (which I will provide) for publicity purposes.

Signature ____________________________  Date ____________________________
Print Name _____________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature _______________________________________________
(required only if applicant is a minor)

Personal Information

Please provide contact information you can be reached at in May 2017

Name ____________________________________________  CommonWealth One
Account Number ___________________________________

Address ________________________________________________
City ____________________________  State ____________  Zip _________________
Daytime Phone ____________________________  Evening Phone ____________________________
Email Address ________________________________________________
Academic Information

High School

Address

College/university you will be, or are attending:

Address

Fall 2017 status:  

Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Graduate Student

Major(s)  

Minor
(if applicable)  

Activities and Essay
List all extracurricular activities you have been involved in during high school and/or college. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.
List any other activities and/or information you consider significant and would like to be taken into consideration (e.g. awards, honors, community service, work experience, etc.). Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

ESSAY PROMPT: CommonWealth One FCU is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative that actively supports community development. Explain how you are/were a community leader and the impact you made. What role will does higher education (and your studies specifically) play in being able to best serve your community? Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.