

*Class of 2024*  
*Scholarship Application*



Georgetown

Andrews

Kingstree

Pawleys Island

## Georgetown Kraft Credit Union Scholarships

### Background:

GKCU was founded in 1952 to provide sensible and affordable financial services to the employees of International Paper Company and their families. Today, we serve over 16,000 members at our five branches. We are a member-owned cooperative for anyone who lives, works or attends school in Georgetown and Williamsburg counties. Membership to the credit union is represented by a savings account minimum balance (\$25) and one-time membership fee (\$1). We offer a range of products and because we are member-owned, profits are returned directly to the members in the form of lower loan rates and higher returns on savings and investments.

Financial education and commitment to financial success are at the core of GKCU's business philosophy. That means more than just having the financial tools needed for day to day but teaching how to use them and differentiate between options available to keep our members money where it should be, with them. To date, GKCU has contributed over \$170,000 in scholarships to area high school students. We are excited to award these opportunities to well-deserving students and give them the tools they need to be successful and fulfill their goals.

### Scholarship Criteria:

Scholarships (\$1000) will be awarded to deserving area high school seniors that display exemplary character, work ethic and strong educational goals. Applicants must be:

- Graduating high school in Georgetown or Williamsburg County.
- Active GKCU member or child/relative of GKCU member.
- Planning to enroll at least a minimum of 12 hours of credit per semester at their post-secondary institution.

Applicants must submit:

- Scholarship Application
- Two recommendation letters (excluding relatives).
- High School Transcript
- Essay or Video

### Scholarship Expenses:

Recipients may use scholarship funds to defray the cost of tuition, room and board, and/or books and supplies at any accredited post secondary institution of learning – public or private, two or four-years. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school of the recipient unless otherwise directed.

### Application Deadline & Return Address:

Applications must be returned by mail or in-person to:

GKCU  
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee  
1379 N. Fraser Street  
Georgetown, SC 29440

Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2024**. No faxes please!

### **Selection Process:**

The GKCU Board of Directors will appoint a three-member selection committee. The selection committee will be responsible for reviewing all applications and selecting the finalists.

Scholarships will be categorized by 6 main components that will be given equal consideration when being scored by the selection committee. They are: Academics, Extracurricular Activities, Leadership/Member Organizations & Volunteer Efforts, Work Experience, and Other (i.e, special awards, hobbies, career goals, character, etc.)

Submission of an application authorizes GKCU to verify any of the information provided by the applicant. All information will be kept confidential.

Recipients of the scholarships agree to be photographed for publicity purposes.

### **Award Notification & Disbursement:**

Recipients will be notified by mail to their permanent address by **May 10, 2024**. In addition, notification will be sent to the school's guidance counselor.

Funds will be made payable to the recipient's post-secondary institution and sent to the Registrar's Office for credit to the recipient's account.

Failure to be accepted and/or enrolled in a post-secondary institution will result in the revocation of the scholarship. Recipients unable to attend post-secondary institution on schedule because of unforeseen circumstances (health, accident, family emergency, etc.) may appeal revocation of award to the Scholarship Selection Committee on or before October 15, 2024.

### **Application Tips:**

Be Concise! Longer is not always better and extra points are not given for length.

Type your application if possible. If not possible, write legibly with an ink pen.

Answer each question fully.

Outline format, where appropriate, is acceptable.

Choose adults who are familiar with your qualifications for your recommendations.

For more information or inquiries, contact Nikki Ewing, Vice President of Marketing at 843-436-6313 or [newing@gkcu.org](mailto:newing@gkcu.org).

# GKCU 2024 Scholarship Application

Application # \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information Sheet:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_) GKCU Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Name of Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Name of Parents / Guardians:

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's GKCU Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's GKCU Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

(This sheet will be removed prior to being reviewed by Selection Committee).

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Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges / Universities Applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by and plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: Fall 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Major (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

SAT/ACT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

List special academic honors or achievements earned in high school: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any other scholarships you have applied for / already received and the amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please remember to attach a copy of your High School Transcript with your application.

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**Extracurricular Activities** – (feel free to use additional paper if needed. Please include any offices held, number of years of involvement and any special recognition received).

List High School Extracurricular Activities (sports, clubs, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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List school, community, church and family service activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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List leadership experience/training, work experience, organizational memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

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List other special interests, outside activities and hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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List other special recognition, relevant information or special circumstances for consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Writing / Video Assessment:

Choose one question to answer on a separate sheet of paper. Answers should be typed and double spaced and should not exceed one page. **OR** submit a 1-2 minute video that answers one of the questions below. Videos can be submitted via flashdrive with application or emailed to [newing@gkcu.org](mailto:newing@gkcu.org).

What sets credit unions apart from other financial institutions is our commitment to help people; not only with their financial needs but of those in their personal lives and community. Every year credit unions must demonstrate their commitment to the community which they serve through donations and involvement and must make a valuable difference in the lives of its members and the residents of the community. Georgetown Kraft Credit Union takes very seriously our commitment to the betterment and education of the residents of Georgetown and Williamsburg counties so that we can continue to be prosperous communities. Through our money management classes, financial donations and volunteer efforts, we are able to partner with area charities and organizations to help make that credit union difference a reality.

1. Why is financial education important to students / young adults today? How do you feel learning how to be smart with your money at an earlier age can contribute to a better you and better community?
2. How do you feel you have made a difference in your community? What contributions do you feel you can better make during and after college?
3. What need do you see facing your community that has not been addressed that would help better the community and benefit its residents? Explain.
4. How do you feel technology has made our lives easier, especially when it comes to being smart money managers?

## Letters of Recommendation

Please submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member. Please remember to have them state their name and telephone number/email address (for verification purposes only), occupation, relation to applicant and how long they have known the applicant, and any qualifications or special recognition that makes the applicant a good candidate for the scholarship.

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### Authorization & Submission Statement:

Please check all the information contained in this application for its accuracy.

I hereby submit my application for consideration by the Georgetown Kraft Credit Union (GKCU) Selection Committee. I authorize GKCU to verify any information contained in this application and authorize GKCU to use my name and photo for scholarship publicity (only if selected).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent / Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of High School Guidance Counselor or Representative

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