



# Learn and Earn Scholarship Program

## [connectFirstCU.com/Scholarship](https://connectFirstCU.com/Scholarship)

### Personal Information

Applications are due **September 30th, 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade 11 Academic Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Member of connectFirst Credit Union?

### Program Criteria

If selected for the Learn and Earn Program, I confirm that:

- I am entering Grade 12 in September 2021
- I am currently employed in Alberta, or have some form of regular paid work
- I will open a savings account with a division of connectFirst Credit Union, if not already established
- I will save between \$15 and \$55 each month for the duration of the program (10 months, October-July)\*
- I will complete the Learn and Earn Participant Handbook with mentorship from an employee of connectFirst Credit Union throughout the duration of the program
- I will provide proof of enrollment in post-secondary or trades training before receiving matched funds

\* Savings will be matched by connectFirst Credit Union at a rate of 4 to 1, up to a max of \$2,200

### Tell Us About You

In 150 words or less, please tell us about yourself. This may include your hobbies, how you spend your free time, what barriers you face in achieving your education goals, where you are currently working.

## Education and Career Goals

I will apply to study at: \_\_\_\_\_

My career goal is to be: \_\_\_\_\_

In 150 words or less, tell us what you plan to study after high school, how it relates to your career goal, and why you have chosen this career goal.

## Community Involvement

As your local credit union, we are committed to supporting our communities. In 150 words or less, tell us what you are doing, or want to do in the future to build a strong community.

## Savings Goal

In 150 words or less, tell us how you plan to earn and save money over the next 10 months.

## Reference

Please provide the name and phone number of your reference below. References cannot be a relative.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Checklist:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Most recent high school transcript
3. A reference letter
4. Deliver application to your local branch or send to [Community@connectfirstcu.com](mailto:Community@connectfirstcu.com) by September 30, 2021

**Savings terms and conditions:**

- *Although participants are encouraged to save on a monthly basis, two retroactive savings contributions will be allowed. If there is a month that the participant is unable to save, or to save the maximum, these can be used as a chance to catch up.*
- *Our goal is to help you develop strong saving habits! To achieve this, we require our participants to make regular, monthly deposits into the savings account, rather than a single, lump sum deposit.*
- *Withdrawals from the account during the program duration are prohibited. If an emergency comes up, it is to be discussed with the mentor from Connect First Credit Union, who will help the participant to develop a savings plan.*
- *We love to see our participants save more than the maximum per month! While we encourage this behavior, Connect First will only be able to match up to the \$55 per month.*
- *In order for the matched savings to be allocated, students must provide proof of enrollment in post-secondary education and/or trades training prior to September 1, 2022.*
- *Payments will be issued as soon as the students demonstrate their enrollment in a post-secondary or trades training program and upon completion of the savings plan.*