



## **Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship**

As a volunteer during the early years of the credit union, Pat McNeill dedicated his time and energy to serve others. Pat was responsible for making loans and for many of those years, the credit union had no office; Pat's briefcase was the credit union. Pat was an original Director of the credit union in 1969 and served on the Board of Directors for 12 years, three as Chairman. Mr. McNeill will forever be remembered for fulfilling the credit union's mission of "People Helping People."

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### **The Award**

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union's Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship provides four \$2,000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships that are paid directly to each recipient's college.

### **Eligibility**

To qualify as an eligible applicant, you must be a member in good standing at Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union and meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a college-bound high school senior when your application is submitted.
2. You must be a first-time college student who, in the Fall of 2020 is officially matriculated at an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher education.
3. You must be the primary owner of an Ocean Financial account (either a Youth Savings Account or a Regular Share Account).

Scholarship funds are made payable directly to the college.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Family members of all Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union employees, Directors and Committee Members are NOT eligible for the Patrick McNeill Memorial Scholarship.

### **Application Process**

Eligible members must complete the attached application. Please type or print clearly. Eligible member and a parent/guardian **must** sign the Certification and Release Authorization at the end of the application.

### **Selection Process**

Judging will be based on subjective and objective criteria. All information provided is subject to investigation and verification by Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union.

### **Application Deadline**

The application and essay must be returned to the credit union by Friday, January 31, 2020. If any portion of this application is incomplete, the application will not be considered.

### **How to Submit Your Application**

We will accept applications that are submitted by USPS mail and postmarked by January 31, 2020 to Ocean Financial, Attn: Patrick McNeill Scholarship, 45 Atlantic Avenue, Oceanside, NY 11572 or email [scholarship@oceanfinancial.org](mailto:scholarship@oceanfinancial.org). Please make sure to include Patrick McNeill Scholarship in the subject line.

**If you have additional questions, please contact [scholarship@oceanfinancial.org](mailto:scholarship@oceanfinancial.org).**

In order to have your application considered, you must provide all information requested. Recipients will be awarded in May, 2020 at our Annual Meeting of Members.

**Personal Information (type or print in blue or black ink only.)**

Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

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**High School Honors and Awards**

Please list all honors and awards with the school year of participation (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>). Use this space only.

*Examples: Honor Roll, National Honor Society, Who's Who, Principal's Awards, Science Fair Awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classifications, etc.*

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**Community Activities and Volunteer Work**

Please list all community activities and volunteer work with the year of participation (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>). Do NOT list one-time activities or events. Use this space only.

*Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling, etc.*

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**Paid Employment**

Please list each job separately with year(s) employed. Only jobs of more than 10 hours a week should be listed. Use this space only.

*Examples: part-time jobs, including babysitting*

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**Please indicate below any significant information you can provide the Scholarship Committee to assist them in the evaluation process.**

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**Essay**

Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following essay question. Your response should be typed, between 300 – 500 words and include your full name in the top right-hand corner. Points will be deducted if essays are not typed.

**Question:**

Ocean Financial has changed our mission statement to read:

*Our members’ financial well-being is at the heart of all we do at Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union. Inspired by our Catholic values, Ocean Financial strives to be a trusted partner for our members and our community.*

Using this statement, please answer both of the following:

1. What are the Catholic values you are inspired by every day?
2. What does it mean to be a “trusted partner” in our community and how are you a trusted partner in your community?

Please cite examples for each part of your essay.

**Certification and Release Authorization**

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

*I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded for tuition only.*

Member Signature (student) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_