

Gerald Fortney Memorial Scholarship

Lanco Federal Credit Union's Gerald Fortney Memorial Scholarship is a \$2,000 award granted annually to a graduating high school senior planning to earn an associate's or bachelor's degree in any field from an accredited institution.



History of the Scholarship

Lanco FCU's Board of Directors established the scholarship in 1985 in memory of Gerald Fortney, Lanco FCU's founding CEO and an educator in the Hempfield School District. To honor Mr. Fortney's passion for the business field, the scholarship was originally open only to students planning to earn a bachelor's degree in a business-related field of study. Recognizing changes within the employment and educational landscapes, in 2019, the Board expanded scholarship eligibility to preserve the spirit of the scholarship and memory of Mr. Fortney's dedication to students' educational and career success.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must be a member of the current graduating class and must be a Lanco FCU member, or the child/in legal custody of a Lanco FCU member, in good standing. Applicant must have been accepted at an accredited institution and be planning to earn an associate's or bachelor's degree in any field of study. Applicant must have demonstrated a willingness to be of service to the community and a mature and respectful attitude toward peers and teachers.

Selection & Awarding Process

A scholarship committee, comprised of members of Lanco FCU's Board of Directors, will review the applications. Video applications, school records, community and school service, and teacher recommendations will all be considered in determining the award recipient. Demonstrated financial need may also be considered. Interviews may be conducted with finalists. The scholarship winner will be selected and notified no later than June 30, and the award will be made after the fall semester has begun. The winner will be announced in the Lanco FCU Fall newsletter and at lancofcu.com.

About Lanco Federal Credit Union

Lanco Federal Credit Union is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial institution offering a variety of personal and business banking products and services. Founded over 50 years ago by county school district employees, Lanco FCU's mission is to help members achieve their life goals by promoting financial health and providing affordable access to credit.

Lanco FCU membership is open to all who live, work, worship, or attend school in Lancaster County, PA. More information at lancofcu.com.

TO APPLY

*Submit the following
by April 1, 2021:*

1. The completed Gerald Fortney Memorial Scholarship Application form.
2. A statement written by the student outlining areas of service to the school and community.
3. Two recommendation forms completed by a classroom teacher.
4. Official high school transcript.
5. A video application, 2-5 minutes in length, about one of the following topics:
 - (a) What credit union membership means to me;
 - (b) How credit unions can attract youth members; or
 - (c) The history of credit unions.

Combine items 1-4 in one envelope and send to:

Scholarship Committee
Lanco Federal Credit Union
349 West Roseville Road
Lancaster, PA 17601

To submit the video application:

E-mail the video, or a link to it (ex: your video on YouTube), to **scholarship@lancofcu.com**

2021 Gerald Fortney Memorial Scholarship
Application Form



ALL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS ARE DUE April 1, 2021

Applicant Information

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MI
MAILING ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER
E-MAIL ADDRESS		
DATE OF BIRTH	NAME(S) OF PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S)	
EXPECTED MAJOR OR SPECIFIC COURSE OF STUDY		
FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION OF ENROLLMENT		

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper

1. Describe how the Gerald Fortney Scholarship will assist you in accomplishing your educational goal.
2. How did you decide upon your stated major?
3. What activities do you participate in? (Include any and all community, school, and employment activities. Please mention how long you have participated and any leadership functions that you provide.)
4. Within the last three years, how have you contributed to the betterment of your community and/or school?

Agreement

I attest that the information given by me is true and to the best of my knowledge and further I give the Gerald Fortney Memorial Scholarship Committee the right to review all of my scholastic records.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
SIGNATURE OF PARENT (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN)	DATE

2021 Gerald Fortney Memorial Scholarship
Teacher Reference Form



TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

APPLICANT NAME	
By signing below, I relinquish the privilege of reviewing this reference form. I understand that all comments will remain confidential, and I will not request to view this form after completion.	
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE

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How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Applicant's Characteristics
 For each characteristic, please circle the most appropriate rating. Rating scale: 1= Poor, 5=Excellent, U=Unknown

Communication Skills	1	2	3	4	5	U	Organizational Skills	1	2	3	4	5	U
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	U	Productivity	1	2	3	4	5	U
Leadership Skills	1	2	3	4	5	U	Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	U
Integrity	1	2	3	4	5	U	Respectful Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	U
Problem Solving Skills	1	2	3	4	5	U	Desire to achieve academic excellence	1	2	3	4	5	U

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Teacher Reference Form



Applicant's Characteristics *continued*

In the space provided below, or on a separate sheet, please comment on any attributes that might have favorable or adverse effects on the applicant's future academic or professional career.

Based on your knowledge of the applicant, please circle one of these general ratings:

Do Not Recommend Recommend with Reservation Recommend Highly Recommend

Reference Name

Address

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Reference Signature

Date

Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.
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 Teacher Reference Form



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