

The 2016 Energy Essential Life Skills Grant

The Energy Credit Union Limited is dedicated to contributing to our members' well being and personal development and as such we want to help provide students with opportunities to pursue post-secondary education. In an effort to prepare young people for the future and encourage them to become contributing and successful members, the Credit Union awards one \$500.00 grant to help fund the expenses for one student in their pursuit of higher education.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be members in good standing with The Energy Credit Union Limited.
- Applicants must be the primary member of their own Credit Union account, not just a joint owner on someone else's account.
- Applicant's Credit Union account must be active and opened at least six months prior to submission of application.
- Application for the grant must be made in writing by the person who is applying for the grant and the application must be made in the applicants own words. Note: The application will be disqualified if found to be made by another party.
- The Grant is non-transferrable.
- Applicants must have already applied to, and have been accepted by an accredited college, university or vocational school for the current school year. Or have successful completion of at least two semesters at an accredited college, university or vocational school in the previous year and are currently enrolled at an accredited college, university or vocational school for the current year.
- Employees or volunteers of The Energy Credit Union Limited and members of their immediate families are not eligible to receive the grant.
- Applicants are required to complete the application in its entirety and to submit it by 24 August 2016.
- Preference will be made to applicants who embrace the cooperative vision.
- The Energy Grant Selection Committee has final and binding discretion regarding the awarding of the grant, its administration and its terms.

Process

- All eligible applicants will be considered for the grant.
- The Energy Credit Union Limited awards one \$500.00 grant each year. If a suitable candidate is not found, the grant will not be awarded in that year.

- All prospective students must submit a signed and completed application made in their own words by 24 August 2016.
- Students must submit a high school or college/university/vocational school transcript showing cumulative GPA.
- Submit up to a 500 word essay written in their own words about what makes them deserving of the grant as part of the grant application.
- Applicants' submissions will not be returned.
- Selections will be made by an impartial committee appointed by the Board of Directors.
- All scholarship cheques will be made payable to the student attending college/university or vocational school.
- All Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by the stated date.
- Applicants who receive the grant must authorize the release of any information relating to their application to The Energy Essential Life Skills Grant Program. Information may be requested from high school, college, university, vocational schools, government, or community sources, and may include personal evaluations and transcripts. The information resulting from such a request may be used for the grant program publicity or promotional purposes. Applicants who receive the grant will also be required to submit, or have a digital image of them captured by authorized TECU staff personnel for use in The Energy Essential Life Skills Grant promotion and newsletters.
- Personal information (other than the information mentioned above) of all applicants will be kept strictly confidential.
- Applications may be obtained from your Credit Union at branch locations or via our website. Click the link at the bottom of this page to print an application form.
- The Energy Credit Union Limited may modify or discontinue this program at any time.

Selection Criteria

Personal development is an ongoing journey and acquiring the essential life skills to maximize your full potential is necessary to live a full and vibrant life. Your journey starts with a good foundation of knowledge, effort and consistent concerns for the improvement of yourself and your community. The Energy Credit Union Limited recognizes the value of dedication, innovation and hard work. Your commitment to making the world a better place by making a difference will make you eligible for consideration of The Energy Essential Life Skills Grant of \$500.00 to help you towards the cost of your post-secondary education.

The Energy Essential Life Skills Grant is designed to reward all-around excellence. This grant will be awarded to students based on a combination of:

- Knowledge of cooperative principles as they apply to the Credit Union environment

- Academic achievements;
- Noteworthy participation in extracurricular activities in and outside of school;
- Community involvement;
- Notable involvement in making a difference in your community or in other lives through the values of trust, loyalty, compassion;
- Demonstrated capacity for leadership (for example, students who have shown leadership in the areas of local employment programs, environmental clean-up, support group creation, family services or similar initiatives);
- Outstanding commitment to doing good during difficult times;
- Illustrated involvement in special endeavours or circumstances, volunteer service or other special activities;
- Financial need;
- Demonstrated innovation for self-improvement;
- Solid commitment to future aspirations;
- Evaluation of candidates essay and self-assessment;
- Any outstanding achievement for the betterment of other lives.