

# Patricia A. Gee Memorial Scholarship

The Patricia A. Gee Memorial Scholarship is a \$1000 award given annually to a high school senior planning to enroll as a full-time freshman at an accredited college or university. Applicants must demonstrate above average academic achievement on their high school transcript and demonstrate strong leadership abilities.

## ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be a member in good standing or a family member of a School Systems FCU member in good standing who meets all of the following criteria:

- College-bound high school senior at the time of application
- Attending college for the first time in the fall of 2025
- Has a high school average of 88 or above
- Has strong leadership abilities through involvement in non-classroom high school organizations, the local community, service groups or other similar activities

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Complete this application form in its entirety. If you need more space than provided on this form, you may attach separate sheets of paper. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT neatly. Return to the credit union along with the required attachments listed below on or before the January 31, 2025 deadline.

Check each line after completion:

- One recommendation from a teacher or school administrator
- One non-academic recommendation (ex. church, community organization representative, etc.)
- One essay (topic is noted in the application)
- A copy of your most recent high school transcript

## **SELECTION CRITERIA / JUDGING**

Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Scholastic achievement (e.g. AP/Honors classes, grade point average, etc.)
- Character and leadership (e.g. extra-curricular and community activities, honors, awards, achievements, and recommendations)
- Essay responses
- Financial need

## COMPLETED APPLICATION CAN BE DELIVERED TO A BRANCH OR MAILED TO:

NextStep Scholarship Committee 150 Defreest Drive Troy, NY 12180

ENTRY DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2025



### 2025 PATRICIA A. GEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please complete the following information in its entirety. Type or print clearly. If more space is needed, you may attach separate sheets of paper. Be sure that your name is inlcuded on any separate sheets.

| STUDENT NAME                       |                     |  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| ADDRESS                            |                     |  |
| CITY                               | STATE ZIP           |  |
| PHONE                              | EMAIL               |  |
| MEMBER # (OR NAME OR RELATED MEMBE | R AND RELATIONSHIP) |  |
| HIGH SCHOOL                        |                     |  |
| ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE        | SAT/ACT SCORES      |  |
| NAME OF ANTICIPATED COLLEGE        |                     |  |
| ANTICIPATED FIELD OF STUDY         |                     |  |

#### HIGH SCHOOL HONORS AND AWARDS

Please use this area to detail any honors, awards and years of participation. This may include honor roll, Principal's awards, student athlete awards, National Honors Society, etc.

| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |
|---------|-------------|
| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |



#### **HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Please use this area to detail any extracurricular high school activities you have or are currenly participating in. This may include chorus, band, newspaper, yearbook, drama, clubs, etc.

| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |
|---------|-------------|
| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Please use this area to detail any community activites and volunteer work including years of participation. This may include girl/boy scouts, community service or volunteer work, religious groups, etc.

| DATE(S)  | DESCRIPTION |  |
|--|-------------|--|
| DATE(S)  | DESCRIPTION |  |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT</b><br>Please use this are to detail any paid employment that you have had or places you are currently employed. |             |  |
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| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |  |
|---------|-------------|--|
| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |  |



#### LEADERSHIP ROLES

Please use this area to detail any leadership positions held. This may include sports teams, student groups, community groups, etc.

| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |
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| DATE(S) | DESCRIPTION |

#### ESSAY

Please attach a typed essay on how you view yourself as a leader and how your leadership has impacted others. Also include a brief description of how this scholarship award will benefit your education and financial needs. Your essay should be a minimum of 500 words.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION AND APPLICANT SIGNATURES**

I certify that everything I have stated in this application and any attachments provided are true and accurate. I authorize the release of the information included in this application in order to verify its accuracy. If I am awarded this scholarship I agree to allow publication of my name and photograph in print and/or electronic publications announcing the award.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE