



EDUCATION

Unlock Your Potential

Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and **HTC** have partnered to offer two scholarship awards to local graduating high school seniors who wish to continue their education at either Coastal Carolina University (CCU) or Francis Marion University (FMU). Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to rising college freshmen seeking a four-year degree from CCU or FMU.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior from a high school located in one of the following counties: Horry County, Georgetown County, Marion County, Williamsburg County, or Florence County.
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA in high school.
- Be accepted as a full-time student by either CCU or FMU.
- Plan to attend either CCU or FMU in pursuit of a four-year degree.
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 college credit hours (full-time status) at either CCU or FMU.

Application Instructions

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information.
- Complete the scholarship application in full and mail by February 1, 2027. If any information is incomplete, the application could be rejected. If the application is postmarked after February 1, 2027 the application will be rejected.
- Include your most recent high school grade transcript with all seven semesters represented including cumulative unweighted (4.0 scale) GPA.
- Include a response to the essay topic in 500-750 words.

Essay Topic: The Power of People Helping People

Credit unions and cooperatives like HTC are founded on the philosophy of 'People Helping People.' Describe a time when you helped someone, made a positive impact in your community, or experienced the generosity of others. How did that experience shape your values, and how will you carry those lessons into your college education and future career?

- All signatures must be provided where indicated on the application.

Terms and Conditions

- Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to rising college freshmen, who graduated high school from one of the counties listed above, and who will attend either CCU or FMU in pursuit of a four-year degree.
- Applications will be reviewed and winners selected by an anonymous qualified selection committee of business professionals.
- Winners will be notified in April 2027.
- Scholarship awards will be paid to the University upon proof of acceptance and registration at either CCU or FMU and verification of student application information submitted.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability or any other legally protected characteristic.
- Incomplete applications may not be considered. Refer to the checklist on the application form to ensure all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- Employees of Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and HTC nor their children are eligible to participate in this scholarship.
- Neither the Key Scholarship Committee nor the partnering businesses are responsible for any applications that are lost, stolen, or destroyed during delivery.

Scholarship Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Parent Daytime Telephone () _____ Student Daytime Telephone () _____

Student Email Address _____

High School _____ High School Telephone () _____

Guidance Counselor _____ Grade Point Average _____
(Please provide your unweighted (4.0 scale) GPA cumulative through your seventh semester.)

SAT Score (Combined) _____ ACT Score (Combined) _____

University from which you plan to receive your four-year degree _____

University Address _____

University Telephone _____

Anticipated major or area of study _____

Have you been accepted? _____ If not, when will you receive notice? _____

List any other scholarships, grants, or loans for which you have applied to date and the amounts of each. Please indicate if any have been awarded to date (attach additional page if necessary):

Work Experience: List your work experience over the last four years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. Attach additional page if necessary.

Company	Position/Description	Employed From	Employed To	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Week

School Activities: List all school activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., Athletics, Student Government, and Clubs). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity	Years (1,2,3,4)	Position (i.e. Treasurer)	Total Months Participated	Average Hours Per Week	Comments (i.e. Special Kudos Received)

Community and Volunteer Activities: List all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work, etc.). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity (i.e. Soup Kitchen)	Years (1,2,3,4)	Position	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

Awards and Honors: List all awards and honors you received in the last four years (including academic, athletic, and/or community awards or honors). Attach additional page if necessary.

Year	Award of Honor	Comments (Why Given)

Submit a response to the essay topic in 500-750 words: Please provide this as an attachment to your application. Please type or print your response.

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Special Circumstances: Relay any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (i.e., family need, hardships overcome, and other appropriate extenuating circumstances). Please provide this information in an attachment to your application. Please type or print your response. Answer this question only if you feel there are "special circumstances" or important facts to relay.

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application, including any attachment, is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that this scholarship award is contingent upon my meeting all eligibility criteria and the terms and conditions associated with the scholarship. If it is discovered at any time that the applicant did not meet or does not meet the eligibility criteria or the terms and conditions associated with this scholarship, the applicant will be automatically disqualified from receiving the scholarship award. I hereby grant permission to Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and HTC to contact my references and/or school officials if necessary. I also agree that my name and likeness may be used in promotional materials should I be selected to receive a scholarship award. Furthermore, if I am selected as an award recipient, I agree to make an appearance at the Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting and the HTC Annual Meeting barring any unforeseen detainments if requested to do so by either organization. The application for the Key Scholarship is not a contract, and the applicant should have no expectation of receiving or continuing to receive the Key Scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Applicant is 17 years old or younger

_____ Date _____

**Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2027.
Mail completed application and all attachments to:
Key Scholarship Committee
PO Box 8941, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578**