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PURPOSE

Vantage West Credit Union (“Vantage West”) is a full-service financial institution, offering a wide array of accounts and services. We are committed to our Members and the communities we serve. We believe that education is a key factor in building personal financial stability. To that end, we are proud to offer a scholarship which can assist in furthering the recipients’ educational and financial successes.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Five (5) scholarships of \$2,500 each are available. Scholarship recipients will receive one (1) non-renewable \$2,500 award to be used toward tuition costs for the 2020 fall college semester. Award will be distributed in the form of a check payable directly to the institution of higher education which the student will be attending. Should the recipient’s enrollment status change, the award will be invalidated and Vantage West will have sole discretion as to whether or not another recipient will be chosen. No recipient may receive more than one (1) 2020 Vantage West Scholarship award.

CALL TO POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

All eligible students are encouraged to apply! Though academic merit is a key consideration, our selection process also weighs factors such as (but not limited to): quality and content of the required essay (300 word count maximum), overall character (as demonstrated by accomplishments, activities, volunteerism, etc.), and the additional information you will have an opportunity to provide about yourself. Recipients will be selected by a panel of volunteer judges.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Vantage West Scholarship is open to applicants who, at the time of entry, have been accepted to, or have applied to and anticipate acceptance to and plan to attend, a post-secondary educational institution located in the state of Arizona, in the fall of 2020.



This includes applicants who are EITHER:

- ▼ Graduating high school in spring 2020;
- ▼ A high school graduate prior to spring 2020;
- ▼ A current post-secondary educational institution student, or
- ▼ A post-secondary educational institution graduate

A “post-secondary educational institution” includes public or private universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, vocational/trade/technical schools and post-graduate studies.

AND who:

- ▼ Are US citizens; and
- ▼ Are either a Vantage West Member in good standing, or who have a parent or legal guardian who is a Vantage West Member in good standing

Vantage West Associates, volunteers, and previous Vantage West Scholarship recipients are NOT eligible. Void where prohibited.

DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Due Date: Completed online applications must be **submitted** on or before **11:30 PM (Arizona local time) on Friday, May 15, 2020**.

Submitting an Application: Visit VantageWest.org/Scholarship. There, you will be able to complete an application, upload required documentation, and securely submit your application electronically. Printed/hand-written, and/or late applications will not be accepted. All applications become the property of Vantage West and will not be returned. Vantage West assumes no responsibility for lost, late, misdirected, or unintelligible entries. By applying to this scholarship program, you fully and unconditionally accept and agree to these Official Rules and the decisions of Vantage West, which are final and binding.



Shortly after submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email.

Recipient Notification: Scholarship recipients will be notified by telephone and/or email between May 28 and June 5. All other applicants will be notified of their status by June 30, 2020.

Supporting Documentation: All finalists will be required to submit two personal references (reference must not be related to applicant, but can be a mentor, teacher, co-worker, coach, school administrator, or teammate). All finalists will be required to submit proof of enrollment in a post-secondary education institution for the fall 2020 semester. All finalists will be required to submit their most recent transcripts. Failure to submit supporting documentation by the deadline that will be provided will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.

ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

Parental Agreement and Acknowledgment: If the applicant is under the age of 18 as of the date that their application is submitted, a parent or legal guardian's signature is required on the digital application.

Affidavit of Eligibility, Publicity Release, and Liability Waiver: By submitting an application for this scholarship award, applicants (and their parents/legal guardians where the applicant is under the age of 18) acknowledge that award recipients (and their parents/legal guardians where the applicant is under the age of 18) will be required to sign the Affidavit of Eligibility, Publicity Release, and Liability Waiver Form (below), prior to distribution of scholarship award funds. Refusal to sign said form will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.

VANTAGE WEST CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact ScholarshipCommittee@VantageWest.org.

To learn more about Vantage West, call 520.298.7882 or 800.888.7882, visit VantageWest.org, or stop by any of our [locations](#).



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AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY, PUBLICITY RELEASE, AND LIABILITY WAIVER

- This is an unofficial copy for review only -
Scholarship award recipients (and a parent or legal guardian where recipient is under the age of 18) will be asked to sign an official version of this document prior to disbursement of scholarship funds. Refusal to sign will result in forfeiture of scholarship award.

This Affidavit of Eligibility, Publicity Release, and Liability Waiver (the “**Affidavit of Eligibility and Release**” or “**Agreement**”) is agreed to by the person (“**Winner**”) who is awarded a prize consisting of a \$2,500.00 Educational Scholarship Award (the “**Award**”) in the Vantage West Credit Union Scholarship Program (the “**Scholarship**”) sponsored by Vantage West Credit Union (“**VWCU**”).

If Winner is a minor (as defined by the laws of the state of the Winner’s residence), Winner’s parent or legal guardian agrees to the terms set forth herein on behalf of the Winner. Winner is referred to below as “I” or “me”. In consideration for entry into the Scholarship, and receipt of the Award, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I (and if I am a minor, my parent or legal guardian) hereby agree as follows:

1. Eligibility. I represent that I satisfy all eligibility requirements (e.g., as to my age, place of residence, lack of affiliation with VWCU as an Associate, volunteer, or previous Scholarship recipient) set forth in, and have otherwise complied with, the 2020 Vantage West Scholarship Official Rules (the “**Official Rules**”), which I acknowledge having read and understood. The Scholarship is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.

2. Permission to Use Likeness; Publicity Release. I give permission irrevocably and in perpetuity to VWCU to use my name, likeness, voice, photograph, biographical and Award information, and statements for publicity, marketing, advertising, trade, and promotional purposes in any and all media now known or hereafter discovered, worldwide



and on the Internet and World Wide Web, including the right to edit, modify, adapt, or manipulate any material I submitted and/or entered into the Scholarship in any manner in connection therewith, without additional compensation, notice or limitation of any kind.

3. Tax Consequences. Taxes (if any) are my sole responsibility.

4. No Warranties Regarding Scholarship. VWCU makes no (and disclaims all) warranties whether express or implied regarding the Award and Scholarship. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY ACCEPTANCE, PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOLARSHIP, AND/OR RECEIPT OR USE OF ANY AWARD IS SOLELY AT MY OWN RISK.

5. RELEASE. I, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY ASSIGNS, HEIRS, DEVISEES AND ESTATE (COLLECTIVELY, "SUCCESSORS"), HEREBY UNCONDITIONALLY AND FOREVER RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS VWCU AND ITS DIRECTORS, ASSOCIATES, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, AND INSURERS (COLLECTIVELY, "**RELEASED PARTIES**"), FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS, COSTS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RELATING TO ANY CLAIM I MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE WITH RESPECT TO ANY DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, PECUNIARY LOSS OR OTHER LOSS, DAMAGE, COST OR EXPENSE (COLLECTIVELY, "**HARM**") THAT MAY BE SUFFERED BY ME OR ANY THIRD PARTY AS A RESULT OF ANY USE BY VWCU OF MY NAME, LIKENESS AND BIOGRAPHICAL OR OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA OR IN CONNECTION WITH MY ACCEPTANCE, PARTICIPATION IN, USE OF AND/OR INABILITY TO USE ANY AWARD AWARDED TO ME, EVEN IF SUCH HARM IS CAUSED SOLELY BY THE RECKLESSNESS, NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF ONE OR MORE RELEASED PARTIES (COLLECTIVELY, THE "**RELEASED CLAIMS**").

I HEREBY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY VWCU AND ALL OTHER RELEASED PARTIES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL HARM INCURRED BY VWCU AND ANY OTHER RELEASED PARTY ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY RELEASED CLAIMS OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY THIRD PARTY CLAIMS (INCLUDING BASED ON VIOLATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS OR PUBLICITY OR PRIVACY RIGHTS) BASED ON THE MATERIALS I SUBMITTED TO VWCU OR BASED ON VWCU'S USE OF SUCH MATERIALS.



I SPECIFICALLY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT THIS RELEASE WILL PREVENT ME AND MY SUCCESSORS FROM BRINGING A LAWSUIT, CLAIM OR OTHER ACTION AGAINST VWCU OR ANY OTHER RELEASED PARTY AND FROM RECOVERING ANY MONEY DAMAGES OR OTHER LEGAL RELIEF FROM VWCU OR ANY OTHER RELEASED PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THE CLAIMS RELEASED ABOVE.

6. Reformation. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be unreasonable or unenforceable in any respect by a court, it is my intention and understanding that this Agreement shall nonetheless be enforced to the maximum extent to which it is found by the court to be legally enforceable.

7. Dispute Resolution. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ITS CHOICE OF LAW RULES. ANY DISPUTE REGARDING THIS AGREEMENT, THE SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR THE AWARD IS EXCLUSIVELY SUBJECT TO BINDING ARBITRATION (WITH ONE ARBITRATOR SITTING) IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. I HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE SCHOLARSHIP, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. I FURTHER WAIVE ANY OBJECTION TO VENUE IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, WHETHER SUCH OBJECTION IS BASED ON LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION, IMPROPER VENUE, FORUM NON CONVENIENS OR THE LIKE. TUCSON, ARIZONA SHALL BE THE EXCLUSIVE VENUE AND JURISDICTION TO RESOLVE ANY DISPUTES RELATING TO THE SCHOLARSHIP AND I IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the Official Rules, constitutes the entire agreement between me and VWCU with respect to the matters described herein, and supersedes any and all other agreements and communications, oral or written,

- Unofficial Copy -
Signature Lines to be included on official version and provided to scholarship award recipients
(and parent/guardian, if applicable) for signature prior to disbursement of scholarship award funds.



between myself and VWCU or any other Released Party. This Agreement may not be amended or supplemented except by a (paper) writing signed by VWCU.