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**2012 Youth  
Scholarship  
Opportunity**

## 2012 Ben Watson Scholarship Opportunity

### The Award

One, \$1,500 scholarship to be awarded to one (1) student and their accredited educational institution.

### Eligibility

The applicant must be a member of Bucks First Federal Credit Union (BFFCU) in good standing, and must be enrolled as a high school senior at the time of application. Scholarship funds must be used at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2013, for tuition or textbooks only. Employees of BFFCU, Directors, Volunteers, and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

### Application Process

1. Eligible members may request a scholarship application packet:
  - Online at [http://bucksfirstfcu.org/yp\\_scholar.html](http://bucksfirstfcu.org/yp_scholar.html)
  - by calling Hilary Reed at 215.788.5270 ext. 273
  - via email to [hreed@bucksfirstfcu.org](mailto:hreed@bucksfirstfcu.org)
  - in person at the Bristol or Warrington branch offices
2. Application deadline is **Friday, February 3, 2012.**

### Selection Process

Judging will be based upon both, subjective criteria including essays and weighted objective criteria, as well as academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, references and personal goals. Judging will conclude on Friday, February 10, 2012 and all scholarship winners will be notified by Friday, February 17, 2012.



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**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Siblings \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ School/Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**II. SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Institution you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major/Course \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year you plan to graduate from college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you been accepted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Academic Information**

Class Rank # \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Activities (Include leadership roles)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards and Honors**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**III. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES/EMPLOYMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. DESCRIBE YOUR SPECIAL INTERESTS/HOBBIES**

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**V. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Housing/Meals \_\_\_\_\_ Books/Misc \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Sources of Income**

Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Loans \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for PHEAA aid? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any unique financial circumstances

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. DOCUMENTATION**

Please attach your most recent transcripts, as well as a letter of recommendation from a school official (i.e. teacher, counselor, advisor, principal, etc).

**VII. ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Each answer must be type written and approximately one page in length. Submit your responses on separate pieces of paper. Be sure to include your name on the essay.

**Please answer the following questions:** (it is required that you complete both essay questions to be considered for scholarship)

**1. What distinguishes Bucks First Federal Credit Union from other financial institutions?**

(i.e. ownership, structure, personal experience)

**2. What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve them? What has influenced your career decisions?**

**Application Verification - For Credit Union Use Only**

I hereby certify that the applicant is a Bucks First FCU member, and is in good standing.

Credit Union Official \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Verification - For High School Guidance Counselor Use Only**

I hereby certify that the application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Guidance Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

The information below **must** be completed before the applicant can be considered for a Ben Watson scholarship.

I certify that this information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize the release of this information to confirm/verify this application.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

Friday, February 3, 2012

### JUDGING TO CONCLUDE BY

Friday, February 10, 2012

### YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY

Friday, February 17, 2012

### MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Bucks First Federal Credit Union  
Attn: Hilary Reed  
2104 Bath Road  
Bristol, PA 19007

Or drop off application to either branch office

If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Reed at  
215.788.5270 ext. 273 or [hreed@bucksfirstfcu.org](mailto:hreed@bucksfirstfcu.org)



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### CHECKLIST OF REQUIREMENTS

*This checklist and all items on this checklist must be submitted by **Friday, February 3, 2012**  
Ben Watson Scholarship Opportunity Applicants must submit the completed package to the attention  
of **Hilary Reed** at **Bucks First Federal Credit Union, 2104 Bath Road, Bristol PA, 19007.***

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Watson Scholarship Application Information**

*This section must be completed by the applicant and signed by a high school guidance counselor and credit union official to verify eligibility.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ Ben Watson Scholarship Essay Information**

*Two completed essays must include your name, be typed on separate pieces of paper and approximately 1 page in length.*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ Certification and Release Authorization**

*This section must be signed by applicant and parent/guardian and dated.*

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ High School Transcript**

*Official high school transcripts containing straight, not weighted, cumulative numeric grade points as of the end of the 2nd marking period of the 12th grade. If this system is not used by your school, please ask your guidance counselor to provide this format on your transcript.*

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Transcript**

*SAT/ACT Transcripts must be provided through your guidance office.*

**6. \_\_\_\_\_ Separate Letter of Recommendation**

*Recommendation must be provided from a school official (i.e. teacher, guidance, advisor, principal, etc.)*