



## Scholarships Available

A good education is so important, but affording it can be a real challenge. That's why Desert Schools is proud to offer the 2012 Community Service Scholarships. The Desert Schools Community Service Scholarships are awarded to students who give back to their communities. Each year, Desert Schools awards \$10,000 in scholarships:

**One \$5,000 scholarship**

**One \$3,000 scholarship**

**Two \$1,000 scholarships**

Current College Freshman looking to secure funding for their sophomore year at an accredited two-year or four-year college/university in Arizona beginning Fall 2012 can apply.

### To be eligible the applicant must:

1. Complete 40 hours of community service between July 1, 2011 and March 2, 2012
2. Be a 2011 graduating high school senior
3. Be a member, or be a child or relative of a current member of Desert Schools Federal Credit Union
4. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above
5. Have completed at least 12 college credits in the Fall 2011 semester and are enrolled in at least 12 credits during the 2012 Spring Semester.
6. Plan to enroll in, beginning in the Fall 2012, a full time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four year college or university located in Arizona.

The application deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

**Enclosed are 25 bookmarks** for you to distribute to those who meet the above eligibility. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Francisco Avalos at [francisco.avalos@desertschools.org](mailto:francisco.avalos@desertschools.org) or 602-335-4213.

To learn more about the Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship please visit [www.desertschools.org/scholarship](http://www.desertschools.org/scholarship).

Thank you,

Francisco Avalos  
Community Development Specialist  
Desert Schools Federal Credit Union

# 2012 Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship



## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

Scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

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- Have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.0 or above
- Have completed at least 12 college credits in the Fall 2011 semester and are enrolled in at least 12 credits during the 2012 Spring semester.
- Plan to enroll in, beginning in the fall of 2012, a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university located in Arizona

*Employees of Desert Schools Federal Credit Union and their immediate family are ineligible to receive a scholarship.*

Please type or neatly print the following information. Application postmark deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Last

First

Middle

Address:

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone:

( ) -

Email:

Date of Birth:

## DESERT SCHOOLS MEMBER INFORMATION

Account Holder:

Last

First

Middle

Relationship:

Account Number:

Name(s) on Account:

(If applicant is an account holder, please list SELF.)

Are you an employee or an immediate family member of an employee of Desert Schools?

Yes

No

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

School Name:

School Address:

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Main Phone:( ) -

High School Graduation Date:

Advisor:

Advisor Phone: ( ) -

Advisor Email:

## COURSE OF STUDY AND CAREER GOALS

Major:

Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ESSAY**

Please write a one- to two-page essay addressing the questions below. Type your essay on 8.5 x 11" paper, double spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font. Please provide specific examples, stories and experiences from your service activities.

1. How has community service enriched your life and the life of your community?
2. How will your community service experience(s) help you achieve your future goals?
3. How will you continue your commitment to community service in the future?

**COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY**

Work from multiple community service ventures may be combined to achieve the community service hours, which must be verified by the volunteer supervisor using the Community Service Activity Form. Hours must be completed between July 1, 2011, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Desert Schools defines community service as those activities that benefit the public good. These activities must be done in partnership with a local nonprofit (501c3) and/or governmental organizations. Most high-quality, supervised volunteer activities done for charitable service agencies in Arizona will qualify. Church-related services may be considered, only if they are beneficial to the entire community (i.e., feeding the homeless, cleaning up communities, etc.) and are not proselyte in nature. Please also note any leadership positions you held or currently hold in these activities. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact HandsOn Greater Phoenix at [www.handsonphoenix.org](http://www.handsonphoenix.org).

**FINANCIAL NEED ESSAY**

Please prepare and include a one-page essay on your financial need.

**TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

1. An official transcript must be sent with this application. Include an explanation of your college grading scale.

**Cumulative GPA**

Cumulative weighted GPA	/4.0 scale
Cumulative unweighted GPA	/4.0 scale

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please list all scholarships, grants, financial aid or tuition waivers you received or plan to receive for college:

Source	Amount	Date Awarded

Are you the first in your family to attend college?  Yes  No

How did you hear about the Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

All of the following must be submitted together and on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- Student Application
- Community Service Essay
- Community Service Activity Form(s) attesting to a total of 40 or more hours of community service
- Financial Need Essay

- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or school representative
- Current complete transcript(s) of grades (including grading scale)

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**DEADLINE AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

The application packet, including all supplemental documentation, should be mailed or hand delivered to the address below. The application deadline is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Late and incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. Desert Schools is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

**Desert Schools Federal Credit Union**  
**Attn: Community Development Scholarship Program**  
**148 North 48th Street**  
**Phoenix, Arizona 85034**

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**VERIFICATION**

Desert Schools reserves the right to select the recipients of the scholarship program based on the criteria set forth in the scholarship program description. If selected as a recipient, the student will be expected to authorize release of information regarding community service activities, essays, and a parental consent form to utilize images and photos of recipients in media and marketing materials for publicity purposes.

Recipients are required to supply the Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship Committee with complete transcripts and to notify the Committee of any change of address and school enrollment. Desert Schools reserves the right to make changes at any time regarding the scholarship program.

*I attest that the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2012 Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship



## Community Service Activity Form

This form is used to document the applicant's community service hours. It is to be completed by the charitable service agency representative who supervised the applicant's activities. Please return the completed form to the applicant.

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### Applicant Information

Name:

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Last

\_\_\_\_\_

First

\_\_\_\_\_

Middle

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

State

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ZIP

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### Community Service Agency Information

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

State

\_\_\_\_\_

ZIP

Supervisor:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last

\_\_\_\_\_

First

\_\_\_\_\_

Middle

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:

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### Community Service Activity

Please prepare and attach a written statement attesting to the following:

- Description of community service hours performed by applicant
- Reasons why student is deserving of a Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship

Community service hours performed by student between July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2012 Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD?

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- Have a cumulative college grade point average of 3.0 or above
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## WHAT TYPES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE QUALIFY?

Work from multiple community service ventures may be combined to achieve the community service hours, which must be verified by the volunteer supervisor using the Community Service Activity Form. Hours must be completed between July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Desert Schools defines community service as those activities that benefit the public good. These activities must be done in partnership with a local nonprofit (501c3) and/or governmental organizations. Most high-quality, supervised volunteer activities done for charitable service agencies in Arizona will qualify. Church-related services may be considered, only if they are beneficial to the entire community (i.e., feeding the homeless, cleaning up communities, etc.) and are not proselyte in nature. Please also note any leadership positions you held or currently hold in these activities. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact HandsOn Greater Phoenix at [www.handsonphoenix.org](http://www.handsonphoenix.org).

## WHAT WILL BE AWARDED?

The completed applications of eligible applicants will be evaluated by the Desert Schools Community Service Scholarship Committee. Selected recipients will be awarded one of the following: one \$5,000 scholarship, one \$3,000 scholarship or one of two \$1,000 scholarship awards. If selected as a recipient, the student will be expected to authorize release of information regarding community service activities, essays, and a photo release form to utilize images and photos of recipients in media and marketing materials for publicity purposes. Recipients are required to notify the Committee of any change of address and school enrollment. Desert Schools reserves the right to make changes at any time.

## WHAT DOCUMENTATION DO I NEED TO INCLUDE?

All of the following materials must be submitted as a packet and on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- Student Application
- Community Service Essay
- Community Service Activity Form(s) attesting to a total of 40 or more hours of community service
- Financial Need Essay
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher or school representative
- Current complete transcript(s) of grades (including grading scale)

## WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

The application packet, including all supplemental documentation, should be mailed or hand delivered to Desert Schools Federal Credit Union, Attn: Community Development Scholarship Program, 148 North 48th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85034. The deadline is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Late and incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. Desert Schools is not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

## WHAT IF I STILL HAVE A QUESTION?

If you have questions, please contact Francisco Avalos at [francisco.avalos@desertschools.org](mailto:francisco.avalos@desertschools.org) or (602) 335-4213. Due to the high volume of applications received, we regret we cannot respond to each one individually. However, all applicants will be

notified by mail of their application status in April 2012. Please do not contact Desert Schools regarding the evaluation of your application unless the Committee directly requests something from you.