Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be a current high school, college bound senior, who is currently attending a public or private high school or being home schooled in Collier County.
2. Scholarship recipients must enroll in an accredited Florida 4-year college/university, 2-year college or technical school and begin classes in the 2020-21 academic year.
   - Collier County students only – Scholarship recipients must enroll as full-time student during the term that the scholarship is awarded
3. Must have an overall unweighted grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4-point scale.
4. Must have completed the 2020-21 Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and qualify to receive a Federal Pell Grant (projected expected family contribution (EFC) between 0 and 5576) to demonstrate financial need. (the 2020-21 FAFSA opens October 1st)
5. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or an eligible non-citizen.
6. NOT be Directors, employees, or family members of Directors or employees of Suncoast Credit Union, Members Title Company, Members Insurance Services, Members Trust Company or Suncoast Realty Solutions LLC.
7. Applicants are required to submit one 500 word or less essay that answers the following two questions. The essay must be typed using 12-point font and single spaced.
   What are your aspirations for your education?
   When you look back on your life in thirty years, what would it take for you to consider this successful?
8. All applications must be received by 5pm on January 10, 2020 at the Champions For Learning office.

Scholarship Details

1. The scholarship is $2000. It is a one-year, non-renewable award.
2. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition and fees required to enroll at and attend an eligible educational institution in Florida.
3. Scholarship funds may also be used for other direct course-related expenses—such as fees, books, supplies, and equipment—provided they are required of all students in the course of instruction. The scholarship cannot be used for transportation, housing, or dormitory costs.

Scholarship Checklist: Please ensure that your scholarship application contains all the following items:

☐ Application with sections A-C completed
☐ 2020-21 Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA (SAR will be emailed to you3-5 days after you complete the FAFSA)
☐ An unofficial high school transcript
☐ Copy of student’s U.S. birth certificate, permanent resident card, certificate of naturalization, or U.S passport
☐ One 500 word or less essay that answers BOTH of the following two questions. Essay must be typed using 12-point font and single spaced.
   What are your aspirations for your education?
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Scholarship applications are reviewed for completeness and ability to follow the provided instructions. The essay is scored by a community based selection committee which will focus on the following factors word count guidelines, formatting requirements, grammar and direct essay response. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Suncoast Credit Union Scholars
Scholarship Award Collier County 2019-20

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Please submit your completed application to Champions For Learning,
3606 Enterprise Ave, Naples, FL 34104 or fax 239-643-4799

SECTION A: Student Identification Information

Student Name ___________________________ Social Security # ________________________

Student ID number (If enrolled in Collier County Public Schools) ________________________

What High School are you currently enrolled in? ______________________________________

Grade__________ Date of Birth__________ Male __________ Female __________

Address ________________________________________________________________

Street, Apt # __________ City, Zip __________

Student Phone # ___________________________ Student Email ________________________

Parent Cell # ___________________________ Parent Email ________________________

Student Race:   American Indian/Native American _______ Asian _________

Black/African-American _______ Caucasian _______ Pacific Islander/Hawaiian _______

Hispanic _________

Multicultural _______ Other ________________________________

Is student a U.S. Citizen?   Yes _______ No _______

Is student a Permanent Non-Resident? Yes _______ No _______

Is student an Eligible Non-Citizen? Yes _______ No _______
SECTION B: Household Information

Mother ____________________________________________
(Last, First, MI)

Father ____________________________________________
(Last, First, MI)

Applicant lives with:  Mother _____  Stepmother _____  Grandmother _____  Guardian _____
   Father _____  Stepfather _____  Grandfather _____
   Ward of Court _____  Other _______________________________________

Number of brothers ________________  Number of Sisters ________________

SECTION C: Employment Information

Parent/Guardian’s Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian ________________________________________________

Employer _____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Current Employer

Name of Parent/Guardian ________________________________________________

Employer _____________________________________________________________

I hereby certify that the information in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that the omission of information or submission of false information will void my application for scholarship. I understand that the information contained in this application will be shared with the scholarship selection committee.

______________________________________________  ________________________________________________
Student Signature  Parent/Guardian Signature

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