



William H. Yohler Memorial Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the **2025 William H. Yohler Memorial Scholarship**.

As a member of the Credit Union family, you are probably well aware of the important role of credit union volunteers. This scholarship was created in memory of PrimeTrust's longest serving volunteer, Mr. William (Bill) H. Yohler.

Mr. Yohler began his credit union volunteerism in 1944 when he was asked to serve on the credit committee for Warner Gear Credit Union (which became WGE and is now PrimeTrust). In 1948, he was elected to the Board of Directors and remained active as Treasurer and Director until he passed away September 15, 2001.

Bill served as Indiana Credit Union League Director from 1959 until 2001 and as League Chairman from 1961 to 1963. He served at the national level as a CUNA National Director for more than 30 years.

In addition to his tireless effort and volunteer contributions to the credit union movement, he was active in various civic and social organizations.

To honor Bill's dedication to others and the community, we will present an annual renewable scholarship.

The packet contains this cover letter, the Eligibility Requirements, and the Application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Cassie Minch

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**2025 WILLIAM H. YOHLER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND AWARD GUIDELINES**
Awarded by PrimeTrust FCU

1. Scholarship Eligibility: Applicant, parent, or guardian must be a member in good standing of PrimeTrust FCU for at least one year prior to application deadline (Item 7 on Application)
2. Application deadline is **12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025**
 - a. Any application received after this deadline will be disqualified
 - b. Postmarks are not sufficient to meet deadline requirement
3. Recipient will be contacted by a member of the Scholarship Committee
4. Applicant must be a high school senior with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a scale-based equivalent thereof.
5. Summary of Submission Packet
 - a. Completed Application
 - i. Attach additional sheets if needed
 - ii. Any attachments should be keyed one-sided on 8.5 x 11 white bond paper
 - b. Essay
 - i. Applicant must submit a 700 to 800-word essay which thoroughly explores the following topic:
 1. **WHY IS VOLUNTEERING IMPORTANT TO YOU? DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPLAIN HOW VOLUNTEERING CHANGED YOU OR IMPACTED YOUR LIFE TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON.**
 2. Think about your volunteering experience(s). The essay should not be a list of volunteer efforts but should emphasize why this experience was so significant in your life.
 3. How did you become a volunteer, through your community, school program, church, or on your own?
 4. How did giving back change you and make you a better person?
 - ii. The Applicant's name cannot appear anywhere within the Essay

- c. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - i. Application packet must include two Letters of Recommendation
 - ii. The author of each letter should have worked with the applicant in some capacity during a volunteer effort, community service project, youth organization, or extra-curricular activity.
 - iii. Each Letter of Recommendation should be a one-page, keyed, paragraph format reviewing the applicant's initiative, personal and social responsibility, work ethic, and overall general attitude.
 - iv. Each Letter should reference the following:
 1. The applicant's full name
 2. Length of time applicant has been known
 3. Context in which applicant is known
 4. Name and title or capacity of the author
 5. The author's original "ink" signature
 6. The author must be at least 18 years of age who is not a relative
 - d. Applicant's most recent official academic transcript
 - i. Must bear official seal and signature of school official
 - ii. Photocopies will not be accepted
 - e. A recent, color, formal, head-shot photograph of the applicant
 - A professional portrait (yearbook photo) is preferred
 - The photo cannot be a casual pose and must be appropriate for publication
 - Only the applicant may appear in the photo; may not include other individuals, pets, props, or signage.
 - Applicant must be front facing in the photo
 - The photo cannot contain copyright language
 - The photo must be color and be of replicable quality
 - The photo of the recipient will be for use in official communications concerning the Scholarship
 - Applicant authorizes use of their name and image in all official communications related to the award of the Scholarship
 - f. It is suggested you have someone else check your application packet before submission as incomplete submissions will be disqualified
6. Upon receipt of an application, a staff member of PTF who is not a committee member, will assign a random number to the application so no names will be associated with the essays
 7. Violation of any guidelines described herein will automatically disqualify the applicant from consideration
 8. If all of the applications submitted do not meet the criteria set forth, no recipient will be awarded for the year
 9. All applications and supporting materials will become the property of PrimeTrust FCU and will not be returned to the applicant

10. Recipient must be enrolled in a recognized accredited College, University, or Technical School to receive initial and subsequent scholarship awards
11. The PTF FCU Scholarship Committee may require the recipient to provide proof of enrollment or proof of accreditation for any College, University, or Technical School at any time during the life of the Scholarship
12. Scholarship Award:
 - a. The 2023 Scholarship will be paid in annual \$1,000 lump sum awards for a maximum of four consecutive years for a total scholarship award of \$4,000 for the recipient
 - b. Recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0 to receive disbursements
 - c. Change of school or area of study will not nullify the award as long as the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0 and recipient is continuously enrolled in a recognized accredited College, University, or Technical School
13. Disbursement of Scholarship Funds
 - a. Initial Disbursement
 - i. It is the sole responsibility of the Recipient to contact PTF FCU for disbursement
 - ii. Failure on the part of the Recipient to contact PTF FCU and provide necessary documentation will result in forfeiture of scholarship disbursements
 - iii. Recipient must provide PTF FCU with official documentation showing registration and fees due for the upcoming term
 - iv. Documentation must be presented to the PTF FCU Scholarship Committee no later than 48 hours prior to disbursement
 - v. All documentation will be maintained by PTF FCU for its records
 - b. Subsequent Disbursements
 - i. It is the sole responsibility of the recipient to contact PTF FCU for subsequent disbursements
 - ii. Failure on the part of the recipient to contact PTF FCU and provide necessary documentation will result in forfeiture of the disbursement
 - iii. Recipient must maintain a 3.0 GPA on a scale of 4.0 to receive subsequent disbursements
 - iv. Recipient must remain continually enrolled in a recognized accredited College, University, or Technical School for all four years of the Scholarship Award
 1. If the Recipient is not continuously enrolled, then the Award is nullified and the Recipient will be disqualified from future disbursements
 2. Re-enrollment will not reinstate the Award
 - v. Recipient must provide PTF FCU with a copy of official transcript for the prior year and official documentation showing registration and fees due for the upcoming term
 - vi. The transcript and invoice must be presented no later than 48 hours prior to disbursement
 - vii. All documentation will be maintained by PTF FCU for its records
14. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final

The submission packet should contain the following:

1. Completed Scholarship Application
2. Original essay
3. Two Letters of Recommendation (following the guidelines contained herein)
4. Applicant's most recent official academic transcript
5. Recent, formal, headshot photograph of applicant

Completed submission packet must be *received* by PrimeTrust FCU **no later than 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2025 (post marks are not sufficient to meet deadline requirement)**

Please address all envelopes to:

ATTN: Scholarship Committee
PrimeTrust FCU
3700 West Bethel Avenue
Muncie, Indiana 47304



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Full Name (First, Middle & Last) _____

Preferred Name _____

2. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

3. Telephone _____

4. E-mail _____

5. Parent or Guardian day time phone number _____

6. Date of Birth _____

7. Scholarship Eligibility _____
(See Eligibility Requirements Item 1)

8. Name of High School _____ GPA _____

9. Parent or Guardian full names _____

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10. Name of College, University, or Technical School you plan to attend

11. Location of intended College, University or Technical School

12. Intended course of study or major

13. At this point in time, what are your plans for work after completing your education or training?

14. List the activities you participated in during high school and the number of years participated (Attach additional pages if necessary; attachments should be keyed one-sided on 8.5 x 11 white bond paper)

15. List the Community activities you participated in and the number of years participated (Attach additional pages if necessary; attachments should be keyed one-sided on 8.5 x 11 white bond paper)

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16. List any honors or awards you received while in high school including civic and community awards:
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By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the Cover Letter, Eligibility Requirements, and Letter of Recommendation Guidelines. We also acknowledge that all information contained in this Application and supporting documents are true and unaltered; and that the Application and supporting materials will become the property of PrimeTrust FCU and will not be returned to the applicant. We also consent that PrimeTrust FCU may use, reproduce, edit, or broadcast our name(s) and photograph(s) in relation to this Award. All negatives, positives, prints, video-recorded images, and audio recordings shall remain the property of PrimeTrust FCU. We also acknowledge that all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian

The essay must accompany this application, two required letters of recommendation, copy of applicant's most recent academic transcripts, and a recent, formal headshot photograph as described in the "Eligibility Requirements and Award Guidelines."

Return by Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. to:
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PrimeTrust FCU
3700 West Bethel Avenue
Muncie, Indiana 47304