



# EDUCATION

## Unlock Your Potential

**Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union** and **Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (HTC)** have partnered to offer two scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors from Horry, Georgetown, Marion, Williamsburg, and the southern part of Florence County. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to rising college freshmen seeking a four-year degree from Coastal Carolina University or Francis Marion University. The scholarship may be renewed for an additional three years in the amount of \$500 per year should the award recipient continue to meet qualifying criteria. The amount a Key Scholarship recipient may be awarded over a four-year period is \$2,500.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA.
- Be accepted by and plan to attend either Coastal Carolina University (CCU) or Francis Marion University (FMU) for at least four years.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 12 college credit hours (full-time status) at either CCU or FMU.

### **Application Instructions**

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information.
- Complete the scholarship application in full and mail by March 5, 2021. If any information is incomplete, the application could be rejected. If the application is postmarked after March 5, 2021 the application will be rejected.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a school faculty member on the form provided.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community individual (other than an educator or family member) on the form provided.
- Provide a copy of Parents/Guardians' most recent IRS Income Tax Return and list of miscellaneous benefits received (in the form of government or parental support).
- Include your most recent high school grade transcript with all seven semesters represented including cumulative GPA and Senior Class Rank.
- All signatures must be provided where indicated on the application.

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to rising college freshmen attending either Coastal Carolina University or Francis Marion University for a four-year degree. The scholarship may be renewed for an additional three years in the amount of \$500 per year should the award recipient continue to meet qualifying criteria. The criteria include maintaining a 3.0 GPA and a full-time semester schedule of at least 12 hours at either Coastal Carolina University or Francis Marion University. The total amount a Key Scholarship recipient may be awarded over a four-year period is \$2,500.
- Applications will be reviewed and winners selected by an anonymous qualified selection committee of business professionals.
- Winners will be notified in May 2021.
- Awards will be paid to the University upon proof of acceptance and registration at either CCU or FMU and verification of student application information submitted.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications may not be considered. Refer to the checklist on the application form to ensure all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- Employees of Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and HTC, Inc. nor their children are eligible to participate in this scholarship.
- Neither the Key Scholarship Committee nor the partnering businesses are responsible for any applications that are lost, stolen, or destroyed during delivery.

**Scholarship Application Form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Daytime Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Student Daytime Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ High School Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide your unweighted GPA cumulative through your seventh semester.)

SAT Score (Combined) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score (Combined) \_\_\_\_\_

University from which you plan to receive your four-year degree \_\_\_\_\_

University Address \_\_\_\_\_

University Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated major or area of study \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, when will you receive notice? \_\_\_\_\_

List any other scholarships, grants, or loans for which you have applied to date and the amounts of each. Please indicate if any have been awarded to date (attach additional page if necessary):

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**Work Experience:** List your work experience over the last four years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. Attach additional page if necessary.

Company	Position/Description	Employed From	Employed To	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Week

**School Activities:** List all school activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., Athletics, Student Government, and Clubs). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity	Years (1,2,3,4)	Position (i.e. Treasurer)	Total Months Participated	Average Hours Per Week	Comments (i.e. Special Kudos Received)

**Community and Volunteer Activities:** List all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work, etc.). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity (i.e. Soup Kitchen)	Years (1,2,3,4)	Position	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

**Awards and Honors:** List all awards and honors you received in the last four years (including academic, athletic, and/or community awards or honors). Attach additional page if necessary.

Year	Award of Honor	Comments (Why Given)

**Special Circumstances:** Relay any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (i.e., family need, hardships overcome, and other appropriate extenuating circumstances). Please provide this information in an attachment to your application. Please type or print your response. Answer this question only if you feel there are "special circumstances" or important facts to relay.

**Applicant Certification**

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application, including any attachment, is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that this scholarship award is contingent upon my meeting all criteria disclosed in this application. I hereby grant permission to Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union and HTC, Inc. to contact my references and/or school officials if necessary. I also agree that my name and likeness may be used in promotional materials should I be selected to receive a scholarship award. Furthermore, if I am selected as an award recipient, I agree to make an appearance at the Carolina Trust Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting and the HTC Annual Meeting barring any unforeseen detainments if requested to do so by either organization.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian if Applicant is 17 years old or younger  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications must be postmarked by March 5, 2021.  
 Mail completed application and all attachments to:  
 Key Scholarship Committee  
 PO Box 8941, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578**

**THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPLETED BY A SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBER**

(A teacher or your high school guidance counselor is acceptable.)

This Letter of Recommendation should accompany the completed application in a separately sealed envelope. \*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe what you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We welcome any information that will help distinguish this student from others. Please submit your comments below; attach additional page if necessary.

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Signature of Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_

\***Teacher/Counselor:** Please complete, photocopy, and place both forms in a sealed envelope before returning to student.

