

# **SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST—Lincoln Credit Unions:**

The Lincoln Credit Unions Annual Scholarship Contest is going on from now until February 28, 2025 with the following prize amounts; 1<sup>st</sup> \$2500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1250.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500.00

**Lincoln Credit Unions Scholarship Contest** Sponsored by:  
Liberty First Credit Union, LincOne Federal Credit Union,  
LPS Employees Federal Credit Union, MembersOwn Credit Union, NUFUCU

**First Place:     \$2500.00**  
**Second Place:   \$1250.00**  
**Third Place:     \$500.00**

**Topic: How will individuals interact with their financial institutions in the future and why?**

**Contest is open to high school seniors and college or trade school students who will be either full or part-time students for the academic year 2025-2026.**

- 1. THE CONTESTANT MUST HAVE A SHARE ACCOUNT WITH HIS/HER OWN NAME AS THE PRIMARY MEMBER IN A PARTICIPATING LINCOLN CREDIT UNION.**
2. Research papers should contain standard bibliography references and **ALL** entries must be prepared to provide quoted sources upon request of the judges of the participating Lincoln Credit Unions.
3. Contestants should indicate on the first page of each copy the number of words in the paper. The **MAXIMUM** number of words allowed is 500.
4. All entries will be judged on accurate credit union content, originality, and grammar. All essays become the property of the participating Lincoln Credit Unions. Decisions of the judges are final. Ties will be decided by the participating Lincoln Credit Unions. Winners will be notified by phone or via mail.
5. Entry is to contain the original and **5** additional copies of the research paper and bibliography, **WITHOUT** covers, folders, or binders.
6. Entry is to be submitted with a **separate sheet** containing the name, address, phone #, credit union you are a member of, and school classification for the upcoming year. **NONE of this information should appear ANYWHERE in the research paper.**
7. *Scholarship funds will be made payable to the winner and the school on behalf of the winner.* Winners must provide proof of registration to receive award. Prizes must be utilized before the start of the third semester after notification of winners. Funds not utilized will be forfeited and returned to the participating Lincoln Credit Union's.
8. Entries must be postmarked or received by: February 28, 2025. Any entry received "postage due" will have 10 points deducted from the total score.
9. This scholarship contest is for participating Credit Union members, credit union volunteers and credit union staff.
10. Scholarship winner's pictures may be used in participating Credit Union newsletters or social pages. Winners agree to provide or have their picture taken.
11. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES MAY RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ENTRY. MAIL OR DELIVER ENTRIES TO:**

**LINCOLN CREDIT UNIONS SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**  
**LPS Employees Federal Credit Union**  
**c/o Radley Breuer**  
**5621 N St. Lincoln, NE 68510**

COMMENTS

| <b>Participating Lincoln Credit Unions<br/>                     Essay Rubric<br/>                     100 possible points</b>   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>FORMATTING</b>   | <b>POINTS<br/>                     POSSIBLE</b> | <b>POINTS<br/>                     EARNED</b> |
| 500 words or less<br>--Word count on the first page of each copy  | 5   |   |
| Bibliography<br>--APA Format<br>--2 to 5 sources  | 10  |   |
| Cover sheet with all required information<br>--Name, address, phone #, student's credit union and school classification for the coming year (grade and school)  | 10  |   |
| Original and five copies received<br>--No cover, folder or binder   | 10  |   |
| Contestant name or credit union name <u>not</u> allowed in text   | 5   |   |
| <b>FORM AND PRESENTATION</b>  |   |   |
| Originality<br>--Paper is written in student's voice (student's interpretation of works cited)<br>--Avoid excessive direct quotations from sources<br>--Body organization and flow should be logical        | 20  |   |
| Content<br>--Introduction informs reader of purpose<br>--Content effectively reflects research topic<br>--Effective transitions between paragraphs and sections<br>--Conclusion summarizes paper for reader | 20  |   |
| Grammar<br>--No grammatical, spelling or formatting errors (20)<br>--1-3 errors (15)<br>--4-6 errors (10)<br>--7-9 errors (5)<br>--10+ errors (0)   | 20  |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | 100   |   |