

## Applicants for the Vinson Scholarship Must:

- Be a member or dependent of a member of Community First Credit Union with an account in good standing for at least one year.
- Be an entering freshman college student and under the age of 24 at the application deadline.
- Demonstrate leadership ability and financial need.
- Attend a two- or four-year public or private accredited Florida college or university.
- Have a high school grade point average of at least 3.0 (unweighted) plus a minimum ACT score of 24 or SAT score of 1,110.
- Fill out and return the scholarship application by March 1.
- Recipient may continue the scholarship on an annual basis until graduation, not to exceed four years. A GPA of or at least 2.5 the freshman year and 3.0 each succeeding year are required for continued eligibility.

## Selection is Based On:

### ■ Academic Qualifications

### ■ Financial Need

Applicants must include completed free application for Federal Student Aid.

### ■ Interview with the Applicant

### ■ Essay

200 words or less explaining how the scholarship will help the applicant attain his or her educational and financial goals.

### ■ Letters of recommendation

In addition to the essay, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from two of the following people: high school principal, teacher, or guidance counselor; religious or civic leader; and/or a current or former employer.

### ■ Community and Leadership Activities

Include honors and awards

## Raymond A. Vinson Scholarship Fund



Before his death in 1992, educator Raymond A. Vinson was a nationally known credit union pioneer. He helped form more than 40 Florida credit unions (including the Duval County Teachers Credit Union, founded in 1935 with 50 members and \$200 in assets, now Community First Credit Union of Florida with over 100,000 members and \$1.1 billion in assets).

Vinson's legacy of dedication, compassion and commitment to the credit union movement will forever touch lives.

To honor Raymond A. Vinson, Community First awards five scholarships annually: five students each year are selected to receive up to \$4,000 (\$1,000 annually per student, renewable for four years).

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