



## ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION



***I. GENERAL INFORMATION***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

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

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Credit Union Member \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

***II. STUDENT INFORMATION***

Number of siblings \_\_\_\_\_ How many are living at home? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been or are you currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

List your activities and club memberships in community, school, church, etc., including any offices held, and all work experiences. (List on back if necessary.)

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List any awards or special honors you have received.

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**III. PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Name of college, university, community college or vocational school you are planning to attend or are attending.

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Estimated tuition cost (yearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated room and board, books and other expenses (yearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of financial aid you are receiving \_\_\_\_\_

What other scholarships have you applied for?

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**IV. REFERENCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Attach a recommendation from a teacher/professor and one other professional/academic associate. Attach a copy of your high school for college transcript.

**V. PLEASE WRITE YOUR ESSAY BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:**

2008 saw a drastic economic downturn in the United States, one of the worst in recent history. Currently, the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, is reporting that the unemployment rate rose from 6.8 to 7.2 percent in December of 2008 alone. Payroll employment fell by 524,000 over the month and by 1.9 million over the last 4 months of 2008. In December, job losses were large and widespread across most major industry sectors.

Write an essay of at least 1000 words in which you discuss the way the current economic climate will affect the way you will search for your career. Does this make finding your passion, versus finding any job, less of a priority? How will this uncertainty affect your education and career options? Do not consult any outside sources for your essay; only entirely original essays will be considered.

Mail application and essay to:  
Resource One Credit Union  
ATTN: Jenny Contreras  
P.O. Box 660077  
Dallas, TX 75266-0077

Application and essay must be received by March 6, 2009.  
No facsimiles or e-mail transmissions of essays will be accepted.



### *CRITERIA FOR OTIS E. ELLIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST*

Resource One Credit Union awards scholarships annually in the amount of \$7,500 to five graduating high school students selected from applicants within our field of membership who meet the following eligibility requirements.

1. Student applicant must be a high school junior, senior, or college freshman.
2. Student applicant must be a member in good standing of Resource One or parent/legal guardian must be a member in good standing of Resource One.
3. Scholarship funds must be used for the purpose of enrolling the student in academic studies at an accredited college, university, community college or vocational school.
4. Upon evidence of the student's enrollment and/or acceptance into an accredited college, university, community college or vocational school, the scholarship funds will be paid by Resource One to the school where the student is scheduled to attend or is attending.
5. Scholarship funds awarded must be applied towards tuition and other customary fees and/or charges associated with registration for classes at an accredited college, university, community college or vocational school.
6. Selections of scholarship award recipients will be determined by a judging committee from the English Department of North Lake College in Dallas.
7. The applicant's essay must be typed and double-spaced and be a minimum of 1,000 words.
8. Deadline for receiving the applicant's essay and contest application at Resource One is Friday, March 6, 2009.
9. Two (2) copies of the essay must be included with the contest application.
10. Scholarship winners agree to allow Resource One the right to publish or display their name, photo, school name, city of residence and their essay for public relations purposes.