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Guardian Credit Union Pays It Forward

Students encouraged to sign up for Guardian Scholarship Program

April 6, 2017, Montgomery, Alabama. The folks at Guardian Credit Union believe in the importance of investing for the future. One way they invest in the next generation is paying it forward with their Guardian Scholarship Program. The Guardian Scholarship Program for 2017 will award 10 individuals with \$2,500 each, totaling \$25,000. Guardian awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to 10 individuals in 2016.

"When we invest in our next generation with these scholarships we are providing them with extra money to jumpstart their preparation for the future. Investing in their studies today helps them meet the challenges in the job market tomorrow," said Rachel Stewart, Marketing Manager for Guardian Credit Union.

Guardian Credit Union will be accepting applications starting April 1 going through April 28, 2017. Judging will take place April 29-May 13, 2017. The announcement of the award winners will be the week of May 15 with awards presented on May 23. The scholarship recipients will receive proceeds for the Fall 2017 semester. A check will be issued directly to the appropriate department/office at the educational institution identified by the recipient.

Applicants eligibility includes the following:

- Be a member of Guardian Credit Union with at least a savings and checking account prior to submitting an application.
- Be a senior in High School or Undergraduate in college.
- Be enrolled full-time (minimum of twelve (12) credit hours) in a college or university for the fall 2017 semester. Students studying for their Masters or Doctorates are ineligible.
- Submit a transcript of high school grades (if high school senior) or most recent college transcript (if a college freshman, sophomore or junior).

Official Rules and Scholarship packets can be downloaded from www.MyGuardianCU.com. Completed scholarship packets can be emailed to Scholarships@MyGuardianCU.com before April 28th, 2017.

- About Guardian Credit Union Established in 1958, Guardian Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative open to anyone that lives, works, or worships in the 13 counties Guardian serves. Guardian holds \$400 million in assets and has more than 41,504 members with a total of 12 locations spanning Montgomery, Prattville, Tallassee, Troy, Wetumpka and Greenville. For more information visit MyGuardianCU.com or call (334) 244-9999 or (800) 239-7366