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## Hughes seeking students to win \$6,000 in scholarship funds

**Tucson, AZ.** – Four local high school students will share \$6,000 in scholarship funds in Hughes Federal Credit Union’s seventh annual scholarship program. Applications are now being accepted, and scholarship winners will be announced in April. Applicants must be high school seniors entering college or trade school in fall, 2012 and must be members of Hughes.

The four scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic excellence, community service and interest in advancing personal education, according to Kellie Terhune Neely, vice president of Hughes. Students must write a credit union-themed essay. “We encourage applicants to be creative,” Terhune Neely says. “Their essay might include mock presentations with visuals in the form of an advertising or promotional campaign. It’s a great opportunity for students to gain insight into the financial industry and in the unique benefits that credit unions offer.”

Applications with essays must be submitted by March 3, 2012. Application forms and complete entry information are available at [www.hughesfcu.org](http://www.hughesfcu.org). Applicants may also contact the scholarship committee at (520) 794-8341.

Hughes Federal Credit Union is locally owned and operated, and celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. Scholarship winners will be announced at the credit union’s 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting on April 21, 2012.

*Established in Tucson 60 years ago, Hughes Federal Credit Union has 61,000 members and \$541 million in assets. The credit union has a “Superior” 5-Star BauerFinancial rating and is one of the strongest financial institutions in the nation. It is also A<sup>+</sup> rated and has been accredited by the Better Business Bureau since 1974. Membership is open to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Tucson.*