



## Official 2019 Robert P. Bennett Memorial Scholarship Contest Application

**DEADLINE: April 26, 2019**

### Eligibility Requirements

- No entry fee required.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- You must be enrolled at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2019-2020 academic year or be a 2019 graduating senior accepted for enrollment in an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school.
- You must have a minimum 2.8 grade point average, on a 4-point scale.
- You must be a member in good standing of Unity One Credit Union.
- Employees of Unity One Credit Union, contest judges and their immediate families are not eligible.
- This is an essay contest and not a lottery. It is void where prohibited or restricted by any law or ordinance.

### Submission

Applicants must submit their application, copy of official transcript and essay online at <http://info.unityone.org/bobbennett2019>. Incomplete entries will be grounds for disqualification. No paper entries will be accepted.

### Entry Instructions

Please address the prompt in your essay. You may use personal or family experiences to help illustrate your points. Be creative. There is no set template for a winning essay.

- Written essays must be no more than 1,000 words in length and must be written in English.
- Only one essay may be submitted per person.
- Submissions must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published or third party copyrighted material.

All entries must be received by **April 26, 2019**. Unity One Credit Union reserves the right to extend the submission deadline for up to 30 days.

### Evaluation Criteria

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

- Does the essay address the prompt given?
- Does the essay display originality and creativity?
- Does the essay contain accurate information?
- Does the written essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?

### Scholarship Award

- One-thousand dollar (\$1000) will be awarded to the best essay and be paid by Unity One CU to the recipient.
- First runner-up will be awarded a five hundred dollar (\$500) book scholarship and be paid by Unity One CU to the recipients.
- Second runner-up will be awarded a two-hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) book scholarship and be paid by Unity One CU to the recipients.
- The winner will be notified at the beginning of June. Acceptance of the prize shall constitute permission for Unity One Credit Union to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner.
- The winning essay will be published in the Unity One's website, including the blog and/or featured on Unity One's social media channels, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

### Evaluation Process

Employees and Board of Directors from Unity One Credit Union will select the essays that best meet the above criteria. From among these essays, a panel of judges made up of specified employees and Board of Directors from Unity One Credit Union will select semi-finalists from which the Unity One Credit Union President/CEO will choose the prize-winning essay. All decisions will be final.

**How to Submit an Application and Essay**

To enter, you must submit the following materials at <http://info.unityone.org/bobbennett2019>.

- Completed Unity One Credit Union Robert P. Bennett Scholarship online application
- A digital copy of transcript of grades for current school attending
- Essay

**Acceptable Submission Formats**

The following are acceptable submission formats:

- PDF
- DOC/DOCX

All entries shall become the property of Unity One Credit Union and cannot be returned. Unity One Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete or misdirected.

**Robert (Bob) P. Bennett**  
*A CHAMPION OF THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT*



Bob Bennett once said, "I am completely dedicated to the credit union movement."

He joined the credit union in 1954 and served on the Board of Directors until 2002. In all, he volunteered over 30 years of his time and service to Unity One Credit Union. Bennett served on just about every committee that ever existed at the credit union and faithfully served 17 years on the supervisory and credit committees, not to mention seven years as secretary of the Board. His steadfast service amounts to hundreds of board and committee meetings and countless hours working hard for the benefit of all the members. Not only did he volunteer for Unity One, he also served as president of three additional boards in the Twin Cities, Minnesota area.

An advocate of growth and change, Bob served through five name changes and three mergers over the years: Northern Pacific Railway Clerks Credit Union, United BN Credit Union, United BN Federal Credit Union, United Railway Federal Credit Union, Unity One Federal Credit Union and finally Unity One Credit Union.

Bennett retired from Burlington Northern and Northern Pacific Railroad after 36 years as a tax manager and traveling auditor and has lived in the Saint Paul, Minnesota area for many decades.

"Bob has served our members longer than any other volunteer in the history of our credit union. Bob was a dedicated volunteer who represented the members very well and always placed their best interests first in all decisions. In his honor, we are pleased to create the Robert P. Bennett Memorial Scholarship in Bob's name, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the members of Unity One Credit Union," said Gary R. Williams, Unity One CU president and CEO.