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GCS TO AWARD NICOLE R. THORP SCHOLARSHIP

Granite City, IL – GCS Federal Credit Union will award the \$1,000 Nicole R. Thorp Scholarship to a Get Mo' Green teen club member this May.

High school seniors who are members of GCS have a great chance at receiving \$1,000 to help pay for college tuition. GCS teens can join the Get Mo' Green youth club for free and become eligible for the scholarship during their senior year.

To apply, GCS seniors can access the scholarship application at mygcscu.com under the Get Mo' Green club page. The application can be submitted in writing or via a video application. Nicole R. Thorp Scholarship applications will be accepted through April 30, 2010. The scholarship money will be presented to one chosen Get Mo' Green member in early May. The recipient will be featured on the GCS web site and Facebook page.

GCS looks for applicants who actively volunteer in the community. Nicole R. Thorp, who the scholarship is now named after, was a big believer in helping out where needed. GCS tragically lost Nicole in December of 2009 and her credit union family wants Nicole's enthusiasm to live on with this scholarship.

The scholarship application also requires candidates to submit an essay explaining why saving and budgeting are important habits to develop. GCS tries to guide youth in developing and reaching savings goals and wants to hear how its teens have succeeded.

In 2009, GCS launched the Get Mo' Green teen club for youth ages 14-18. To become a club member, youth only need to have an open share savings account (\$5 minimum) with GCS. Club membership is free. In May of 2009, GCS awarded its first Get Mo' Green scholarship.

More information and assistance on becoming a member of GCS and the Get Mo' Green club can be obtained by calling GCS at (618) 797-7993 or visit any GCS branch.

Founded in 1941, GCS Federal Credit Union currently has assets of more than \$250 million. GCS serves more than 40,000 members throughout Madison and most of St. Clair Counties in Illinois via 7 conveniently located branches, numerous ATM locations, and 24-hour account access through a telephone audio response system and PCU online banking.

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