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**First Citizens' Announces its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Application Period.**

FAIRHAVEN, MA – March 1, 2016 – Starting on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and running through to April 1<sup>st</sup>, applications will be accepted for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual First Citizens' Federal Credit Union's Barbara Whitehead Silva Scholarship & Champion Family Scholarship Program. In total, fourteen \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The program provides graduating seniors from Ten local area schools with a \$1,000 scholarship awarded to them based on academic achievement, community service and financial need. In addition, one scholarship will be awarded in honor of Barbara Whitehead Silva, former President/ and Chief Executive Officer, for her 45 years of dedicated service to the institution. The remaining three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to immediate family of members with a Champion Checking Account. Champion accounts are exclusively available to teachers, EMT, police, firefighters and healthcare professionals.

Applications are available at all First Citizens' branch offices or online at [www.firstcitizens.org](http://www.firstcitizens.org).

Requirements state that the applicant or parent must be a member of First Citizens' and the applicant must be a high school senior accepted to a college or university for the 2016-2017 academic year. They must submit:

1. A completed application.
2. One-page typewritten essay addressing why their major field of study was chosen and how it applies to their career goals, and
3. Comprehensive official transcripts.

**Application deadline is April 1, 2016.**

**About First Citizens'**

First Citizens' Federal Credit Union is one of the premier financial institutions in southeastern Massachusetts. Today, with over 80,000 members and assets over \$680 million, First Citizens' has full service offices in New Bedford, Raynham, Taunton, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Falmouth, Mashpee, Hyannis and Orleans. For more information, visit [www.firstcitizens.org](http://www.firstcitizens.org).



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