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### **2014 HAROLD HEWITT SCHOLARSHIP – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU) is excited to announce that submissions are being accepted for the 2014 Harold Hewitt Scholarship. The Harold Hewitt Scholarship (HHS) was established in 2001 as a yearly contribution to the post-secondary education of youth in our community. Since 2001, over \$70,000 has been presented under the HHS. WFCU is proud to continue the tradition by presenting a total of \$5,000 to 16 youth through the HHS program this year.

Students enrolled in JK to Grade 12, are invited to tell WFCU, in no more than 250 words, **“What contribution do you see yourself making to Windsor and Essex County, now or in the future?”** For example, you may want to start your own business or run for political office, etc.

Selected submissions from each age category (noted below) will be chosen and the authors will be named recipients of WFCU’s 2014 Harold Hewitt Scholarship.

Recipients from each age category will receive:

JK – Grade 2	3 @ \$100 each
Grade 3 – Grade 5	3 @ \$200 each
Grade 6 – Grade 8	3 @ \$300 each
Grade 9 – Grade 10	3 @ \$400 each
Grade 11 – Grade 12	4 @ \$500 each

This special scholarship was inspired by the late Harold Hewitt, WFCU’s long term Director on the Board whose dedication to the community was an integral part of the Credit Union.

Harold Hewitt Scholarship submission forms are available to download by clicking on the link:

[Harold Hewitt Scholarship - Call for Submission Form](#)

**Deadline for submissions to be received by WFCU is Friday, April 18, 2014 no later than 5:00 p.m. Details as to delivery methods are available on the WFCU Website – [www.wfcu.ca](http://www.wfcu.ca).**

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## **About Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU)**

Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU) has long been recognized as one of the leading, progressive financial organizations in the City of Windsor and Essex County. Serving Windsor and surrounding communities for over 70 years, WFCU began in 1941 with assets of less than \$10,000 and now has \$1.6 billion in Managed Assets and Member Service Totals of \$2.4 billion. WFCU is the seventh largest in Ontario operating seven (7) retail locations and serving over 33,000 members including over 30,000 Personal members in 15,700 households, 1,800 Businesses and 1,360 Organizations. WFCU membership is open to anyone who lives and/or works in Ontario.

The credit union having roots in the community is dedicated to offering the products and services that will enable members to conveniently handle all their financial business with WFCU. WFCU's Financial, Investment, Insurance and Trust product and service offerings are tailored to each member segment. Accessing the credit union and conducting everyday financial transactions is a priority for WFCU, providing a number of access channels to members including its above noted retail locations, live and automated telephone banking, online and mobile banking, MasterCard® credit card and merchant services, secure pre-authorized debit and credit services and 24 hour account access using a WFCU Member Card at ATMs and retailers.

Over the last 20 years WFCU has enhanced the financial strength of the credit union. Regulatory Capital remains strong at \$77.2 million and represents 7.2% of total assets and 11.9% of risk weighted assets. These ratios are substantially above regulatory standards of 4.0% and 8.0% respectively. The Deposit Insurance Corporation of Ontario (DICO) is the provincial deposit insurer equivalent to the federal Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation. WFCU's financial and operational strength is a result of planned initiatives developed in order to ensure that it strives to be the best.

WFCU is a loyal and active member of Central 1, the credit union's banker, trade association, and a financial cooperative. Central 1's role is to serve as central financial facility, liquidity manager, payments processor and trade association for the provincial credit union systems of British Columbia and Ontario. It provides leadership, advocacy, technology, and a range of support services in fulfilment of these key functions. Central 1 holds \$12.2 billion in assets.

Committed to the communities it serves, WFCU is proud to display the Imagine Caring Company logo. Every year hundreds of local community organizations experience first-hand the benefits of several elements of WFCU's overall Community Investment Program, such as The Community 1 Free Chequing Account, Community Rooms, Scholarships, Donations, Sponsorships, Multi-Year Capital Giving and the Community Donations Fund.

WFCU stresses the importance of quality by maintaining an internal 5 Star Quality Program. Reflective of offering a progressive work environment and culture supported by a strong focus on its employees and goals, WFCU has been repeatedly recognized as a Best Small and Medium Sized Employer and received multi-year ranking as one of the Best Workplaces in Canada. A Gord Smith Healthy Workplace Award recipient, WFCU is committed to promoting the importance of health and well-being among its employees.

WFCU's solid attributes of financial strength; innovation; local ownership; quality products and service; community mindedness; and strong human resource management, have resulted in the on-going success of the organization. WFCU is proud to serve the Windsor and Essex County community and to be a leading financial services provider.

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