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## **GTE FINANCIAL OPENS SUBMISSIONS FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 11TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

**TAMPA, FL, February 2022:** GTE Financial builds upon its mission to serve its members and the local Tampa Bay community by awarding 24 young adults a \$2,500 scholarship for the 11th consecutive year. Members who dedicate their time to academic pursuits and community involvement are encouraged to apply.

The GTE Student Scholarship award assists eligible high school seniors and undergraduate students with tuition, fees, books, supplies, and equipment needed to pursue an undergraduate degree. Requirements include an essay stating the student's experience in helping the local community and the impact of their involvement. A panel of 20 respected community leaders determine the winners based on the quality of their essays, academic merit, and work experience.

"GTE Financial is wholeheartedly committed to the future leaders of Tampa Bay! It is a true privilege to recognize students and their families, and to say thank you for strengthening our community in such exceptional ways," says Holly Markham, VP, Community Engagement & Strategic Growth.

Interested students can apply from February 1, 2022, until June 5, 2022. All students must be a member of GTE Financial. If you are interested in applying, please visit: [gtefinancial.org/scholarships](https://gtefinancial.org/scholarships).

### **About GTE Financial**

GTE Financial is a not-for-profit financial cooperative with more than \$2 billion in assets and 23 Community Financial Centers located throughout West Central Florida. Chartered in 1935, GTE Financial is locally owned and operated in the Tampa Bay area, serving more than 230,000 individuals and businesses. More information on GTE Financial can be found at [gtefinancial.org](https://gtefinancial.org).

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