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RIVERSIDE RESIDENT RECEIVES \$500 SCHOLARSHIP FROM CA/NV YOUTH
INVOLVEMENT NETWORK

Stephen Casale Is A Member of Service Plus Credit Union in Riverside

The California and Nevada Youth Involvement Network (CNYIN), a volunteer organization supported by the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues, awarded \$500 scholarships to four high school and college students from California for writing the winning entries in the Network's annual essay contest, including Stephen Casale of Riverside.

Casale, a member of Service Plus Credit Union in Riverside, CA, received a scholarship for his essay on the topic, "How will financial responsibility impact your future and how can credit unions help you achieve your financial goals?" Casale will be attending the University of California, Riverside in the fall.

"The essays we honored this year represent the most articulate and deeply felt expressions on the subject of financial responsibility," said Jenny Casselman, chairperson of the CNYIN board, and member resource center manager at Greater Nevada Credit Union in Reno, NV.

"We are pleased that one of our members is one of the recipients of this year's California and Nevada Youth Involvement Network scholarships," said Bernie Titus, president and CEO of Service Plus CU. "Stephen has been a member of our credit union for about four years and his parents have been members for 17 years."

Entrants in the essay competition must be no older than 25; with a minimum status of a high school senior; be in good standing with their credit union; and be in good standing with their high school, college, university, or trade school. They must also submit a one-page resume of extracurricular activities or community service. The CNYIN board scores essays according to clarity of expression, composition, content, and creativity, and resumes according to Involvement in community service or extracurricular activities. Scholarships must be used in conjunction with continuing education at any accredited college, university, or trade school

The California Youth Involvement Network (CYIN) is dedicated to increasing youth education in consumer finance in California and Nevada through classroom presentations and other means.

With headquarters in Rancho Cucamonga, the California and Nevada Credit Union Leagues provides information, education, advocacy and support services to more than 400 credit unions in California and Nevada. More than 10 million Californians and Nevadans are credit union members. There are more than 9,000 credit unions in the United States, with 87 million members.

Service Plus Credit Union serves those who live, work, worship, or attend school in Riverside County.

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