

### TELLERS COUNT

Do you know that you can have a career at a credit union? There are so many opportunities for you to explore.

When you visit the credit union to make a deposit you'll probably see a teller—a credit union's front-line person.

Tellers need to have good math and counting skills while also being friendly and providing excellent member service. They count large sums of money daily and need to make sure that their cash drawers are in balance.

Tellers also need to be effective communicators, both oral and written, and have a good understanding of computers.

Many credit unions hire high school students to work as interns or even part-



time tellers during the school year and summers.

What a great way to get work experience—especially if you're interested in finance, business, or customer service!

## DREAMERS OF THE DAY



Shereen, 17

## College Application Essay

Now that I'm finished with recommendations

and transcripts, I'm left with one last step—writing the college application essay. While it may be intimidating, I have full power over the words I place in this essay. I can let my personality shine through.

It's tempting to write a list of your

accomplishments and all the hours you spent volunteering in the community, but don't do that. Those parts are already listed elsewhere. Write about something that separates you from everyone else.

Let your personality shine! Stay away from cliché, boring essays that use tons of scholarly words in a misguided effort to seem intellectual. Be yourself, and if a college doesn't want the kind of person you are, then you don't need to be there in the first place.

#### TALK BACK

This is really good advice—I've heard it before but never so passionately! Jessica98, 16, Houston, TX

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# \$100 WINNER: SPORTS FANATIC



**Future Basketball Sensation!** by Aleks, 16
First Florida Credit Union
Jacksonville, Fla.

"I went with my Mom and little brother to see the Harlem Globetrotters. He's a diehard basketball fan. He begged me to follow him afterwards down to the court to get near the players. I heard him yell 'shoot it' and I got it just in time!"

#### TALK BACK

What a great catch, Aleks! Your little brother called the shot right!

Jessica98, 16, Houston, TX