



October 09, 2018

Dear Member;

Members Credit Union's Scholarship Program was established in 1996 to provide funds to help members continue their education. A college education is one of the most important investments a person can make and Members Credit Union is dedicated to helping its members with that investment.

To be eligible for consideration for a scholarship the applicant must be (1) a member of Members Credit Union and (2) be enrolled, or plan to enroll in 2019, as a full-time student in an accredited college or university.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate applicants based on the following criteria:

- (1) Demonstrated academic ability. Transcripts, including GPA (**a minimum GPA of 3.00 is required**). Entering freshmen should include high school records with continuing students including high school records and college records as needed.
- (2) Demonstrated writing ability. The applicant must submit an essay on the topic: **A founding principle of all credit unions is to provide financial education so that members can successfully set and reach their financial goals. What do you see as major financial challenges for incoming college students and recent college graduates and how can your credit union assist with overcoming those obstacles?**
- (3) School Activities. The applicant should list all activities with continuing students including high school and college activities as needed. Explain which activity is most important and why.
- (4) Community activities. The applicant should list community activities and explain which is the most important and why.

There is a supplemental section dealing with financial assistance. Applicants interested in consideration for a scholarship based on financial need, in addition to scholastics, should provide the requested information.

Enclosed is an application to be completed in its entirety and returned to Members Credit Union no later than **February 1, 2019**.

Sincerely,

Members Credit Union



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**** NEW ONLINE APPLICATION FOR 2019 **** can be accessed through [this secure online application portal](#). If you elect to submit this paper application, please complete as accurately as possible and return it to Members Credit Union no later than February 1, 2019. You will be notified via email in early- June 2019 of your application status.

STEP ONE: COMPLETE GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Name _____ Parent(s) Name(s) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's Phone Number _____
(Home or Cell)

Your Phone Number _____
(Home or Cell)

Date of Birth _____ Your Email Address _____

The applicant must be a member of Members Credit Union to be eligible for consideration for a scholarship.

Members Credit Union Account / Member Number _____

The applicant expects to be enrolled as a full-time student (Full-time status will be verified by your chosen institution)

Spring Semester

Fall Semester

Both Semesters

STEP TWO: SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

**Please note: Funds are being awarded for the 2019 - 2020 school year and cannot be deferred. Name*

of College or University _____

Major/Degree Program _____

***HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS MUST ATTACH COPY OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER – PLEASE INCLUDE WRITTEN NOTICE IF NOT YET RECEIVED AND FORWARD UPON RECEIPT**

STEP THREE: ATTACH COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES

*College freshmen must include both college and high school grades

*Please note: a non-weighted GPA of 3.0 is required for consideration of a scholarship

Current Level of Education (check one):

- | | |
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| High School Senior | College Freshman |
| College Sophomore | College Junior |
| College Senior | Graduate Student |

(Graduate students must include last year of undergraduate transcript)

STEP FOUR: COMPLETE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

*College students may include activities/clubs with which they were involved in High School, however please distinguish them with parentheses. Please also offer explanation for lack of participation in school activities.

List the most important School Activities with which you were involved, your level of participation and leadership roles (attach an additional sheet if needed):

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Role in Group
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Which of these School Activities was most important to you? Explain why

STEP FIVE: COMPLETE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List the most important Community Activities with which you were involved, your level of participation and leadership roles – *please note an explanation for lack of participation in community activities* (attach an additional sheet if needed):

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Role in Group
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Which of these Community Activities was most important to you? Explain why?

STEP SIX: CURRENT OR PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

List any jobs you have had or still have through High School (and into College):

Employer	Dates	Responsibilities	Hours Per Week
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STEP SEVEN: ATTACH ESSAY & INQUIRY

Please write an essay, not to exceed 300 words, explaining your position on the following topic:

A founding principle of all credit unions is to provide financial education so that members can successfully set and reach their financial goals. What do you see as major financial challenges for incoming college students and recent college graduates and how can your credit union assist with overcoming those obstacles?

STEP EIGHT: CERTIFICATION

All of the information provided by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information supplied on this form if required. My signature certifies that all the information provided is complete, factually correct and honestly represented. Falsification of information on this application could jeopardize any assistance offered.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I hereby affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school of higher education. I understand that no scholarship funds shall be transmitted to any educational institution until the Foundation receives notification from the Registrar of the college or university in which I am enrolled. Additionally, I hereby grant permission for the use of my name and information contained in my application in any future publicity for the Scholarship Fund.

Signature of Applicant

Date

NOTICE: Application, transcripts, essays and all other requested documentation, must be received by your credit union or mailed by February 1, 2019.

MAIL TO:

Members Credit Union
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
2098 Frontis Plaza Blvd
Winston Salem, NC 27103

**OPTIONAL
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

If you are interested in being considered for a scholarship based on financial need, in addition to scholastic achievement, please provide the following data.

Total Household Taxable Income:

(From most recent Federal Tax forms where student is claimed as dependent)

Estimated Funds Available:

Scholarships Confirmed

College Financial Aid

Savings

Expected Family Contribution

Total Funds Available

Will you be working to help pay for education expenses?

Yes

No

If yes, please estimate your weekly income.

Total number of Dependents in household:

(Claimed on same Federal Tax forms as above)

Number of these Dependents enrolled in college:

(include yourself)

Include an explanation describing your need for financial assistance.