



October 7, 2011

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 in himself or herself, 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 2012, 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: "Students frequently leave college with burdensome debt from student loans and credit cards. How do you plan to prepare yourself for the future and how can your Credit Union help you achieve your financial goals?"
- (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 **March 2, 2012**.

Sincerely,

Members Credit Union



Members Credit Union

MEMBERS CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete this application (PRINT OR TYPE ONLY) as accurately as possible and return it to your Members Credit Union no later than **March 2, 2012**.

Step 1 COMPLETE GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's Phone Number _____
(Home or Cell)

Phone Number _____ Social Security Number _____
(Home or Cell) (required but kept confidential)

Date of Birth _____ Email Address _____

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

Your Credit Union Account / Member Number _____

The applicant expects to be enrolled as a full-time student:

- For the entire academic year Spring semester only
 Fall semester only Other _____

Step 2 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

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 3 ATTACH COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES

****College freshmen ***must*** include 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): High School Senior College Freshman
 College Sophomore College Junior
 College Senior Graduate Student

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Step 4 COMPLETE FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES***

***College students may include activities/clubs with which they were involved in High School – However, please distinguish them with parentheses.

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

Which of these School Activities was most important to you? Explain why:

Step 5 COMPLETE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List the most important Community 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

Which of these Community Activities was most important to you? Explain why:

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Step 6 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

Step 7 ATTACH ESSAY

Please write an essay, not to exceed 250 words, explaining your position on the following topic:

Students frequently leave college with burdensome debt from student loans and credit cards. How do you plan to prepare yourself for the future and how can your Credit Union help you achieve your financial goals?

(This section must be typed. Use a separate sheet of paper with your name at the top).

Step 8 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, *including transcripts, essays and all other requested documentation*, must be received by Members Credit Union no later than

March 2, 2012

**Members Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 5297
Winston-Salem NC 27113**

OPTIONAL

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(THE NEXT PAGE CONTAINS AN OPTIONAL PART OF THE APPLICATION AND ONLY NECESSARY IF YOU WANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NEEDS BASED SCHOLARSHIP)

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

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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 an explanation describing your need for financial assistance.
