

October 6, 2010

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 2011, 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: "Among the 36 industrialized nations, the United States ranks 18th in secondary education (2008 statistics). Only a generation ago, the US was ranked first. In 500 words or less, discuss how our nation's education system needs to change to close that gap."
- (3) School Activities. The applicant should list all activities with continuing students including high school and college actives 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 25, 2011**.

Sincerely,

Members Credit Union



Please complete this application (PRINT OR TYPE ONLY) as accurately as possible and return it to your credit union no later than **February 25, 2011**.

Step 1 COMPLETE GENERAL INFORMATION

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____

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

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

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

Name of your credit union: _____

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

- Current Level of Education (check one):
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> College Freshman |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Sophomore | <input type="checkbox"/> College Junior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College Senior | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student |



Step 4 COMPLETE FOR THE FOLLOWING 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

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

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:



Step 5 ATTACH ESSAY

Please write an essay, not to exceed 500 words, explaining your position on the following topic:

Among the 36 industrialized nations, the United States ranks 18th in secondary education (2008 statistics). Only a generation ago, the US was ranked first. In 500 words or less, discuss how our nation's education system needs to change to close that gap.

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

Step 6 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 _____

Application including transcripts and Essays must be received by

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

no later than February 25, 2011.



**OPTIONAL
SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

(This page is optional - only complete 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.

Total Household Taxable Income: \$ _____
(from Federal Tax forms where Student is claimed as dependent)

Estimated Funds Available:

Scholarships Confirmed \$ _____

College Financial Aid \$ _____

Savings \$ _____

Other \$ _____

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: _____

(Claimed on same Federal Tax forms as above)

Include any additional explanation describing your need for financial assistance.

