



2017-2018 St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union Fall Continued Education Scholarship Application

This scholarship application is for current adult students who are enrolled in a higher education institution at least 9 credits.

Scholarship Amount

St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union (SMACU) will be awarding one \$750 scholarship to an adult or nontraditional student participating in a continuing education program. The scholarship may not exceed the total cost of tuition as billed by the school. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school.

Eligibility Requirements

- You have been a primary member since April of 2017
- There is activity on your account within the past three months
- You are enrolled for at least 9 credit hours for the Fall 2017 semester
- SMACU employees, committee members, other volunteers and their families are not eligible. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following four categories. Each category is assigned a points value which is equally weighted.

- Community service & volunteer work
- Employment experience
- Prior education/life experiences
- Essay 1
- Essay 2

Deadline

The completed application and essay must be submitted by **June 30th, 2017**.

Applicant Must Submit

An original of each of the following:

- Completed and signed St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union Scholarship Application
- Typed, double-spaced essay 500 words or less on the following topic:
 - Do you consider yourself to be a leader? Why or why not?
- Typed, double-spaced essay 500 words or less on one of the following two topics:
 - How do you plan to give back to your community by furthering your education?

Awarding of Scholarships

Decisions will be made by the SMACU scholarship committee. All scholarship decisions will be made by July 9th, 2017, and all decisions are final. All applicants will be notified by mail.

Questions

Please contact St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union by phone at 608-258-5062 or e-mail at smacu@smacu.org.

2017 St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union

Continuing Education

Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Name: _____ Acct #: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long have you been a member at St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union? _____

Educational Information

High School attended: _____

School you will attend next semester: _____

Intended area of study: _____

Credit hours enrolled for: _____ Current cumulative GPA (if applicable): _____

Educational/Life Experiences

List any educational or life experiences based on relevance.

School/Organization	Dates of Occurrence	Name of Counselor/People Involved	Description of Education/Experience

Essay-1

Your essay must be one page, typed, double-spaced, and contain a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 500 words. Do not use your name in the essay and do not put it on the essay page. Write this essay based on the topic below.

Do you consider yourself to be a leader? Why or why not?

Employment Experience

List any employment that you have held during the past four years. If you do not have any employment experience, please state that.

Employer	Supervisor's Name	Approximate Employment Dates	Hours Worked per Week	Additional Comments

Community Service & Volunteer Work

List any community service or volunteer work completed during the past four years. This includes any non-paid activities performed in the community through service-based clubs, organizations, or school.

Organization/Group Benefitted	Dates of Participation	Name of Supervisor/Leader	Approx. hrs/wk	Your role/Description of Activity

Essay-2

Please choose one of the following questions to answer. Your essay must be one page, typed, double-spaced, and contain a minimum of 300 words and a maximum of 500 words. Do not use your name in the essay and do not put it on the essay page.

How do you plan to give back to your community by furthering your education?

I certify that all information included on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name

Date

Please return your application along with your essay to St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union. Applications will be accepted until the end of business day on June 24, 2016. Failure to return application by this date will result in your application being disqualified. Return application packet to:

St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union

700 S Park St. Madison, WI 53715