



## 2017 St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union High School Scholarship Application

This scholarship application is for current high school students who are graduating high school in June 2017 and planning to attend a higher education institution starting in 2017.

### Scholarship Amount

St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union (SMACU) will be awarding one \$750 scholarship to a high school senior. 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 a high school senior
- Your total cumulative GPA is a 3.0 or higher
- 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 five categories. Each category is assigned a points value which is equally weighted.

- Community service & volunteer work
- Employment experience
- Extra-curricular activities
- Essay
- GPA

### Deadline

The completed application, essay, and transcript must be submitted by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

### Applicant Must Submit

1. An official high school transcript reflecting the most recently completed semester. This must be received by the close of business day June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
2. An original of each of the following:
  - a. Completed and signed St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union Scholarship Application
  - b. Typed, double-spaced essay 500 words or less on the following topic:
    - i. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:smacu@smacu.org).



**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	Time of Year Worked	Additional Comments
				___ After School ___ Summer/Breaks	
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**Extra-Curricular Activities**

List any extra-curricular activities during the past four years. Include any participation in athletics, school clubs, or organizations not previously listed.

Organization/Group Benefitted	Grade Level				Name of Supervisor/Leader	Approx. hrs/year	Your role/Description of Activity
	9	10	11	12			

**Essay**

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. Write this essay based on the topic below.

***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