



## **2018 Scholarship Application for High School Seniors and Continuing Education Students**

### **Purpose:**

This scholarship is intended for current high school seniors attending higher education starting in the Fall of 2018 and for continuing education students planning on returning in the Fall for the 2018-2019 academic year. St. Mary's & Affiliates Credit Union will be awarding a \$750 scholarship to one high school senior and a \$750 scholarship to one continuing education student. Winners of the scholarships will be determined by the SMACU scholarship committee. All scholarship decisions will be made by March 8th, 2018. All decisions are final and all applicants will be notified by mail in March.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- You have been a primary member since August 1st, 2017
- There is activity on your account within the past three months
- You are a full time student or planning to be a full time student next school year in higher education (i.e college, university, technical school)
- SMACU employees, committee members, other volunteers and their families are not eligible. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.
- GPA of 3.0 or higher

### **Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be holistically evaluated on the following five categories:

- Prior education and work experience
- Community service and volunteer work
- Extracurricular activities
- Essays
- GPA & difficulty of coursework

### **Application Procedure**

1. Completed and signed St. Mary's and Affiliates Credit Union Application
2. Resume or list of activities including work experience, volunteer work, awards, and extra curriculars
3. An official transcript reflecting the most recently completed semester.
4. Two typed essays of 500 words or less on the following questions:
  - a. Choose a book(s) that has affected you deeply and explain why.
  - b. How do you plan to give back to your community with higher education?

### **Deadline**

The completed application, essays, and transcript must be submitted by **4PM on March 1st, 2018**

### **Questions**

Please contact St. Mary's and Affiliates Credit Union by phone at (608)-258-5062 or email at [smacu@smacu.org](mailto:smacu@smacu.org).

**St. Mary's and Affiliates Credit Union  
2018-2019 Scholarship Application**

**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Educational Information**

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Area of Study/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Essay Questions**

Your essays must be one page each, double-spaced, and be a maximum of 500 words. Do not use your name in the essay and do not put it on the essay page.

1. Choose a book(s) that has affected you deeply and explain why.
2. How do you plan to give back to your community with higher education?

## **Applicant Statement**

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

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Signature

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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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. 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