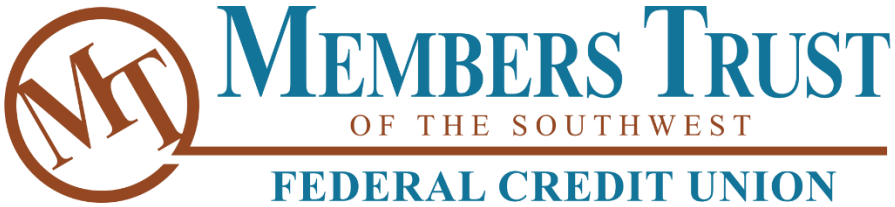

Scholarship Instructions & Information

Application Instructions

General Information:

- All sections of the application must be completed and application must be signed to be eligible. If additional space is needed on the applications please attach a separate sheet of paper.

- Return the application with the following:
  - Official copy of applicant's current high school or college transcript

- Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked or returned to Members Trust Credit Union on or before Monday, May 1, 2017 to be eligible for consideration.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a primary owner of a Members Trust Credit Union account. The account must be open for a minimum of two (2) months prior to the application deadline to be eligible for consideration. Deadline for account ownership is Friday, February 24, 2017.
- Applicant must be a senior in a Texas state accredited high school, or a college student enrolled in an undergraduate program.
- Applicant must maintain a 3.00 GPA average as of the end of the 5th grading period for their academic year.
- Application must arrive to Members Trust Credit Union or be postmarked by Monday, May 1, 2017.
- All Members Trust Credit Union Board Members, Supervisory Committee Members, staff, and the immediate family of those listed above are **not** eligible for consideration.

Amount & Terms of Award:

- A total of 4 scholarships are available each year. Each scholarship award will consist of a grant in the amount of $500, awarded one time only. Scholarships are not renewable.
- All funds disbursed will be made payable to the student's college or university of choice.

Application Procedures:

- Complete the application and short essay.
- Return application, and official copy of high school or college transcript to Members Trust Credit Union by Monday, May 1, 2017.

Deadlines:

- Applicants must have their own Members Trust Credit Union account by Friday, February 24, 2017.
- Applications must be postmarked or returned by Monday, May 1, 2017 to be eligible for consideration.

ANY APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER Monday, May 1, 2017 THAT ARE NOT POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE THAT DEADLINE, WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Basis of Selection:

The selection committee will score scholarship applications based on the six (6) weighted categories below. The amount listed next to each category determines the percentage of each category's value.

- Academic Performance 25%
- Volunteer & Community Involvement 20%
- High School or College Activities/Leadership 20%
- Essay 15%
- Work Experience 10%
- Length of Membership at Members Trust Credit Union 10%

Other Information:

The Members Trust Credit Union Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to interview applicants in person or by telephone.

Selected applicant will be notified in writing by Wednesday, May 31, 2017. Family information provided will remain confidential.

In consideration of this scholarship, no applicant will be discriminated against on the basis of sex, marital status, race, color, religion, national origin, or age. Winner will agree that Members Trust Credit Union can use their photo for publicity purposes.

Scholarship Application

General Information

Please print or type. Complete all fields.

Applicant's Name:
_____

Address: _____
City, State, Zip:
_____

Telephone Number: (_____)_____ Birth Date: _____

Applicant's Members Trust Credit Union Account Number(s): _____

Family Information

Are you related to any Members Trust Credit Union staff, Board or Supervisory Committee member?

Y/N: _____

If yes, please list their name and relationship to you: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Father's Employer: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____ Mother's Employer: _____

Number of Children in Family: _____ Number of Children Living at Home: _____

Number of Children in Family Attending College at this Time: _____

Student Information

On the next page, list the high school activities, affiliations, offices held, and/or roles in various organizations that you have participated in. Use a separate sheet in necessary.

Activity	# of Hours/Week	Role

List the community activities in which you have participated in the approximate number of hours per week, and your role in each, Use your separate sheet if necessary.

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

Employment

Have you ever been employed? ___Yes ___No

Employers(s): Employment from _____ to _____ # of Hours/Week

What colleges/universities have you applied to?

College/University	City, State

From the list above, what college/university do you plan to attend next year?

_____

Why did you choose this school?

_____

_____

_____

Essay

Please write a brief essay (double spaced, two pages maximum) that addresses the following topics:

What are the financial challenges that new graduates face? What financial resources are available to young adults entering life outside of school? Describe the importance of a personal spending and savings budget.

Authorization

I release to Members Trust Credit Union the right to access all my current and ongoing and academic records and transcripts. If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must meet the scholarship criteria set forth by Members Trust Credit Union. _____ (initial)

I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with Members Trust Credit Union.

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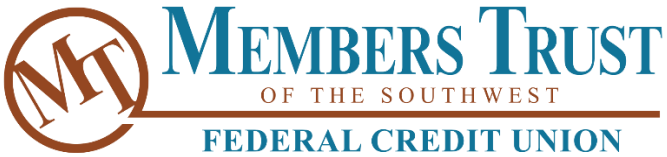
Signature Date

Completed applications MUST be signed to be considered for the scholarship