San Mateo Credit Union’s

2016
Educational Scholarship

Information & Guidelines

Our Mission:
San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU) was established in 1952 to serve the San Mateo County community. In keeping with our commitment to assist our area's young people with college expenses, the SMCU Educational Scholarship was created.

Extent of Scholarship:
This year, SMCU will offer two $2,500 Educational Scholarships. Awards will assist in paying tuition, housing, book or meal costs and SMCU will determine the method used to release scholarship funds. The maximum award is $2,500 per recipient.

Eligibility Requirements:
1. Scholarships are available to 2016 graduating high school seniors. 2015 high school graduates enrolling in a college/technical school for the first time are also eligible to apply.
2. Applicants must have already applied to a college or technical school for the fall of 2016, semester/quarter. Verification of acceptance must be provided to the Credit Union.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or above, and must submit a high school transcript (obtained from school counselor) and SAT/ACT scores (if applicable). Additional consideration will be given to students based on academic standing, community service and school involvement.
4. Applicant must provide a typed, 500-word minimum essay describing their relationship with money.
5. There is no restriction regarding the applicant’s county of residence.
6. Immediate family members of SMCU employees or board members are not eligible.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 3:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2016. Applications must be received on or before the deadline.

The awarding of the scholarships is based on high school academic standing (25%), school involvement and community service (25%), and essay (50%). Financial need may also be considered. The maximum award is $2,500 per recipient. Awards will assist in paying tuition, housing, books or meal costs and SMCU will determine the method used to release scholarship funds. There is no restriction to the applicant’s county of residence.

Winners agree to have their names/photos published in press releases and in SMCU publications, where appropriate. A signed release waiver is required.

Scholarship applications may be obtained at any local high school guidance counseling office, at San Mateo Credit Union offices, and by emailing education@smcu.org.
2016 Educational Scholarship Application

All applicants must meet the qualifications listed on the Information & Guidelines sheet on the reverse side.

Name (First, Middle, Last):

Address:

Daytime Phone:       Evening Phone:

Email:

Parent/Guardian 1 Name and Occupation:

Parent/Guardian 2 Name and Occupation:

Name of High School:        Date of Graduation:

Address of High School:        County of High School:

College Major Area of Study:

Are you a member of San Mateo Credit Union?  □ Yes  □ No
Are your parents members of San Mateo Credit Union?  □ Yes  □ No
How did you hear about the scholarship program?  □ Branch  □ School Counselor  □ Website  □ Financial Education Presentation  □ Other:

To ensure that your application is complete, please refer to the following checklist:

☑ Completed application
☑ Copy of your high school transcript
☑ Verification of application to a college or technical school required. Proof of acceptance will need to be confirmed in order to receive scholarship funds.
☑ Verification of SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)
☐ Describe your relationship with money in a minimum 500-word, typed essay. Some ideas to help you get started:
   a. In what ways would access to financial education improve your community?
   b. How would exposure to financial education empower and enable you to achieve your educational goals?
   c. Describe how your views of money differ from older generations.
   d. Free response
☐ An attachment, if applicable, of any extracurricular activities (clubs, honors, offices held, etc.) and church or community activities in which you are involved.

Please send all materials to:
San Mateo Credit Union
Financial Education Scholarship Program
350 Convention Way, 3rd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063
Attn: Kristi Lozano

Or drop off at a branch location:
Redwood City
3117 Middlefield Rd
555 Marshall St
South San Francisco
150 El Camino Real
Daly City
415 Westlake Center
San Mateo
1515 S. El Camino Real
East Palo Alto
1735 East Bayshore Rd

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