



Southern Mass Credit Union Scholarship ***Guidelines/Rules***

To be eligible you must be a 2015 graduating high school senior and meet the following criteria:

1. You must be a current member of Southern Mass Credit Union (SMCU) in good standing.
2. You must be a 2015 graduating high school senior entering and/or enrolled in the first year of an undergraduate degree program or a vocational/technical program at an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school.
3. You may obtain a scholarship application from our website www.southernmass.com, by clicking on “Applications & Forms” and selecting “Scholarships” or you may obtain one at any SMCU office.
4. You must complete the application in its entirety.
5. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
6. You must not live in the same household or be an immediate family member of an officer, director or employee of the credit union.

Scholarship Amount:

There will be five (5) scholarships awarded in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

Selection of recipients:

1. If possible, the credit union will verify if an applicant meets the qualifications prior to award. Unqualified and incomplete applicants’ applications will be eliminated.
2. **All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered to a SMCU Office by April 30, 2015. Any application postmarked or hand delivered after this date will be disqualified.**
3. Five recipients will be randomly selected from the qualified applications received.
4. Recipients/winners of the scholarships will be notified in writing by May 22nd of their selection as will the winners’ high schools in order for the announcements of the scholarship awards at the recipients’/winners’ graduations.

Payment of Scholarship

Each scholarship will be awarded to the recipient following completion of the first full semester and submission of a transcript and/or completion certificate with a check made payable to the recipient and/or the college, university or vocational/technical school the individual is attending.



**SOUTHERN MASS CREDIT UNION
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Applicant's Southern Mass Credit Union Member Number: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Street Address: _____

Applicant's City, State & Zip Code of Residence: _____

Applicant's Home Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's High School: _____

Applicant's High School Address: _____

College, University or Vocational/Technical School Applicant is or will be attending:

Applicant's Desired Major
Field of Study or
Profession: _____

Brief statement of the motivation/reason for choosing the above listed major or profession:

Applicant has been a Southern Mass Credit Union member for how many years?



SHORT ESSAY REQUIRED: Attach a statement on how Southern Mass Credit Union has helped the applicant achieve his/her financial goals and how the applicant plans to utilize Southern Mass Credit Union in the future.

Applicant and Parent/Guardian Certification (BOTH MUST SIGN OR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE):

We (the Applicant, Parent or Guardian) have read, understand and agree to the guidelines/rules for the Southern Mass Credit Union Undergraduate Scholarship Program and other promises made herein. We further verify the information contained in this application is accurate and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. We understand and agree that any award of a scholarship is not final until Southern Mass Credit Union has verified the information and statements we have made. We understand that if the applicant is selected the funds will be utilized to pay for college, university, or vocational/technical school attendance and will be utilized in no other way. We understand that how these funds are used may affect our taxable status for which we accept full responsibility. We understand that selection of this scholarship is by a random drawing of all eligible applicants. We do not live in the same household, nor are we an immediate family member, of an officer, director or employee of the credit union. If the applicant is awarded a scholarship, we consent to having our names and photographic images reproduced in Southern Mass Credit Union newsletters, press releases and advertisements.

Signed this date: _____

Applicant

Parent/Guardian