



2011 SMCU Financial Education 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 youths in the community with their college expenses, the SMCU Financial Education Scholarship Fund was established.

Extent of Scholarship:

This year, SMCU will offer two \$1,000 SMCU Financial Education Scholarships. Awards will assist in paying tuition, housing, book or meal costs and will be paid directly to the college or technical school by SMCU.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be a 2011 High School Graduate and must begin college or technical school in the fall of 2011.
2. Applicants must have already been accepted at a college or technical school for the fall of 2011, semester/quarter. Verification of acceptance must be provided to the Credit Union.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 or above, submit a high school transcript (obtained from your counselor) and SAT scores. Additional consideration will be given to students based on academic standing, community service and school involvement.
4. Applicants must provide a 500 word minimum typed one-page essay on *"How can your credit union membership help improve your financial situation?"*

The awarding of the Scholarship is based on high school academic standing, school involvement, community service, and submission of a 500 word minimum typed one-page essay on *"How can your credit union membership help improve your financial situation?"*. Financial need may also be considered.

The maximum award is \$1,000 per recipient. Awards will assist in paying tuition, housing, book or meal costs and will be paid directly to the college or technical school by SMCU. There is no restriction to applicant's county of residence.

Judging will take place on **May 27, 2011** by the College Scholarship Committee and the decision of the judges is final. Winners agree to have their names/photos published in press releases and in SMCU publications where appropriate. Signed release waiver will be required with application.

**Immediate family members of SMCU employees or board members are not eligible.*

Scholarship applications may be obtained at your high school guidance counseling office, San Mateo Credit Union offices or by calling SMCU's Financial Education department at (650) 562-1233.

Completed Scholarship Applications Should be Mailed or Delivered to:

San Mateo Credit Union
Financial Education Scholarship Program
350 Convention Way, 3rd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063



2011 SMCU Financial Education Scholarship Application

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

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year): _____

Daytime Telephone #: _____ Evening Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Father's Name and Occupation: _____

Mother's Name and Occupation: _____

Name of High School: _____

High School Address: _____

County in which High School Resides: _____

Date of Graduation (or anticipated): _____

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: _____

*On the back of this application or on an additional attachment, please list any extracurricular activities (clubs, honors, offices held, etc.) and church or community activities.

--In order for your application to be considered complete, please use this checklist--

- ___ 1. Completed application
- ___ 2. Copy of your high school transcript (from your counselor)
- ___ 3. Verification of acceptance to your college or technical school **AND** SAT scores
- ___ 4. A 500 word minimum typed one-page essay on *"How can your credit union membership help your financial situation?"*

Please send application, transcript, acceptance letter, SAT scores, and a 500 word minimum typed one-page essay to:

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Attn: Richard A. Villareal

[DEADLINE: Friday, May 20, 2011](#)

Applications must be received at the address on or before the deadline.