



Scholarship Application Packet

Minnequa Works Credit Union's Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge graduating high school students in our community who will continue their education. A college education is one of the most important investments a person can make in himself or herself, and MWCU is dedicated to helping its members with that investment. Our goal is to recognize and reward students who are active in both their school and community, giving back to others through their participation, service, and volunteer work. Submission of an essay and letter of recommendation provide testament to the character and abilities of the student.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Minnequa Works member in good standing
- A minimum of a 3.0 grade point average (GPA)
- Community and school involvement
- Financial need

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Read all instructions completely and thoroughly.
2. Fill out the application and submit the following supporting documents
(*Documents must be unstapled and typed or legibly printed*):
 - An official copy of your transcripts
 - A letter of recommendation from someone other than a relative who has experience working with you either through an activity, job, or community involvement.
 - A 250 word essay that answers the essay question found in the following application.
3. Application and supporting documents must be **postmarked by February 17, 2012. No Exceptions.**
4. Mail completed and unstapled application and documents in a *single envelope* to:
MWCU, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1549 E. Abriendo, Pueblo, CO 81004
5. When your application is received, we will e-mail you a confirmation of receipt within 7 business days.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, February 17, 2012: Application postmark deadline

Friday, March 2, 2012: Finalist will be notified by mail & email.

Saturday, March 10, 2012: Announcement of winners at the Annual Meeting/Dinner - Must be present

Questions:

Please contact Bonnie at bmz@minnequaworks.com
Phone: 719-544-6928 x1118



2012 Scholarship Application

Applicant Information Please print or type completing all requested information. Only completed applications will be considered.

MWCU Account Number _____ Birth date _____

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Parent/Guardian

MWCU Account Number _____ Birth date _____

Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Financial Information

Total Family Income, most recent calendar year:

~ under \$15,000 ~ \$20,000 - \$30,000 ~ \$30,000 - \$40,000 ~ \$40,000 - \$50,000
~ \$50,000 - \$60,000 ~ \$60,000 - \$70,000 ~ \$70,000 - \$80,000 ~ over \$80,000

Sources of Funds Available For College Expenses:

Parents \$ _____ Personal Savings \$ _____ Other Scholarships \$ _____

Grants \$ _____ Financial Aid from School \$ _____ Student Loans \$ _____

Number of other dependent children (excluding yourself): _____

Number of other family members currently in college and year: _____

Education Information

Must submit your high school transcript.

High School _____ Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ Class Rank / _____

Name of accredited post-secondary school you will attend: _____

City _____ State _____ Anticipated Annual Cost _____

~ 2 Year Community/Junior College ~ 4 Year College/University ~ Vocational/Technical School

Activities Information

List all **school activities** in which you have participated in, your level of participation and leadership roles listing any awards or honors received. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Role in Group

Which of these school activities was most important to you? Explain why:

List all **Community/church activities** in which you have participated listing any awards or honors received. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Activity/Club	Length of Participation	Role in Group

Which of these community/church activities was most important to you? Explain why:

Essay

Please attach a typed 250 word essay on the following topic:

How can your credit union help you and others during this current economic slump; and, what products or services would help you the most as you enter college?

Recommendations

Your application must include three written references from persons not related to you. We prefer that at least one be a teacher or counselor at your school. The form attached to the back of this application may be copied and given to those writing a reference on your behalf. Please list your three references and their occupation/relationship to you.

Application Checklist *This application becomes complete only after you have submitted:*

- ~ MWCU Primary Member Account Number
- ~ Application Form
- ~ Essay
- ~ High School Transcripts
- ~ 3 Letters of Recommendation

Signature

I, the applicant, certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and if **chosen to be a recipient of the MWCU scholarship, I agree to attend the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2012. Winners of the scholarship will be announced at the Annual Meeting and scholarship funds will be dispersed in July 2012.**

Signature of Applicant Date

I hereby affirm that I intend to enter an accredited school or higher education. I understand that no scholarship funds shall be released until the scholarship committee receives a copy of the acceptance letter from the college or university in which I am enrolled. Additionally, I hereby grant permission for the use of my name and picture in any future publicity for the MWCU scholarship program.

Signature of Applicant Date



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2012 Scholarship



You have been asked to submit a letter of reference on behalf of this applicant for the Minnequa Works Credit Union Scholarship program. Please use this form as a guide when writing your letter of reference or you may simply answer these questions. The letter of recommendation must be returned or postmarked by February 17, 2012. Mail to:

Minnequa Works Credit Union
Scholarship Committee
1549 E. Abriendo * Pueblo, CO 81004

Name of Scholarship Applicant:

How do you know Applicant?

Comment on the Applicant's personal character:

Comment on the Applicant's scholastic performance:

What characteristics do you consider his/her greatest attributes?

How would you rate the Applicant's potential for future personal achievement? Why?

Any additional comments:

Prepared by: _____ Occupation _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Daytime Phone _____