



## 2022 Scholarship Packet

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the Meritus Credit Union scholarship program is to award a one-year scholarship to six students that possess academic potential and a desire to succeed.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

To be considered for this scholarship, the applicant must:

- be a member, primary owner of an active account at Meritus Credit Union in good standing
- be graduating from an accredited high school in the parishes of the credit union's field of membership (Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, Vermillion)
- be graduating in the spring of 2022 with plans to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2022
- have maintained a 3.0 GPA based on 7 High School semesters
- have scored 21 or higher on the ACT exam
- complete an application and personal essay

Immediate family members\* of current Meritus Credit Union Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee Members, and current employees are not eligible for the scholarship.

Membership is extended to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes. Membership is also available to immediate family members\* of all current members. Membership is obtained by opening a savings account.

### **SELECTION:**

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by a committee selected by the Board of Directors of Meritus Credit Union. Final selection of the scholarship recipients will be made following formal interviews conducted by the Scholarship Committee. Finalists will be selected among student members who attend school in the parishes of the credit union's field of membership (Acadia, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Martin, and Vermillion). Two finalists will be selected from Lafayette parish, and one finalist will be selected each from Acadia, Iberia, St. Martin, and Vermillion parishes.

### **AWARD:**

The Scholarship Committee will award a total of \$12,000 in scholarships. Each of the six recipients will receive a \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) 1-year scholarship. Scholarship money can be used for any school-related expenses. A check for half the total scholarship amount will be issued in August for the fall semester. The remaining half will be given in January for the spring semester. Checks will be made payable directly to the recipient or deposited directly into the recipient's account when proof of registration for that semester has been provided to Meritus Credit Union.

Scholarship recipients must complete the fall semester as a full-time student (12 semester hours), maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher that semester, and maintain membership at Meritus Credit Union in good standing, in order to receive the second half of the scholarship funds.

### **\*Children, siblings, and parents**



**APPLICATION PACKAGE:**

All applicants must submit an application package which includes:

- a completed application form
- a current high school transcript
- a copy of his/her official ACT results
- two letters of recommendation
- a personal essay

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Completed application packages\* must be received no later than **February 28, 2022** at:

Scholarship Committee  
C/O Meritus Credit Union  
ATTN: Community Development Manager  
515 Guilbeau Rd  
Lafayette, LA 70506

\*It is the responsibility of the applicant that all information is received by the credit union by the deadline. Incomplete or late application packages will not be considered. All documentation including letters of recommendation must be included in one packet when submitted for consideration.

**NOTIFICATION:**

Each applicant will be notified by mail whether or not they have been chosen.







**V. Honors and Academic Awards**

A. Honor Society \_\_\_\_\_

B. National Achievements \_\_\_\_\_

C. Scholarship Awards \_\_\_\_\_

D. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents is true and correct. I also certify that I personally answered all questions and wrote the essays relating to this scholarship application. I understand that if for any reason I discontinue my post-high school studies I must notify Meritus Credit Union within 10 days. I also understand that if I discontinue my studies in the first semester, funds for the second semester will not be issued. I agree that the credit union may use my name and photograph for publicity purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Completed application, letters of recommendation, official transcript, copy of ACT scores and personal essay must be received at the address below no later than February 28, 2022. \*\***

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**Please direct questions regarding scholarship to:  
Community Development Manager, (337) 989-0499, ext. 319**