



## 2023 Gerald J. Ring Continued Education Scholarship Application

This scholarship application is for current adult students who are enrolled in a higher education institution with at least 9 credits.

### Scholarship Amount

Members First Credit Union (MFCU) will be awarding one \$1,500 scholarship to an adult or nontraditional student participating in a continuing education program. The scholarship may not exceed the total cost of tuition as billed by the school. The scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school.

### Eligibility Requirements

- You have been a primary member for 2 months prior to submitting your application
- There is activity on your account within the past two months
- Your total cumulative GPA is a 3.0 or higher
- You are enrolled for at least 9 credits for the Fall semester

*\*MFCU employees, committee members, other volunteers and their families are not eligible. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.*

### Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following five categories.

- Community service & volunteer work
- Employment experience
- Prior education/life experience
- Essay 1
- Essay 2

### Deadline

The completed application, essay, and transcript must be submitted by Friday, July 14th, 2023.

### Applicant Must Submit

An original of each of the following:

- a. Completed and signed Members First Credit Union Scholarship Application
- b. Typed, double-spaced essay 500 words or less on the following topic:
  - i. What influenced your choice of this major?
- c. Typed, double-spaced essay 500 words or less of the following topic:
  - i. How will this scholarship help you in your career goals?

### Awarding of Scholarships

Decisions will be made by the MFCU scholarship committee. All scholarship decisions will be made by July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and all decisions are final. All applicants will be notified by mail.

### Questions

Please contact Members First Credit Union by phone at 608-271-5301 or e-mail [agraese@mbr1cu.org](mailto:agraese@mbr1cu.org)

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**Personal Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member at Members First Credit Union? \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information**

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

School you will attend next semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Hours Enrolled for: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational/Life Experiences**

List any educational or life experiences based on relevance.

School/Organization	Dates of Occurrence	Name of Counselor/People Involved	Description of Education/ Experience

**Essay-1**

Your essay must be one page, typed, double-spaced, and contain a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 500 words. Do not use your name in the essay and do not put it on the essay page. Write this essay based on the topic below.

***What influenced your choice of this major?***

**Community Service & Volunteer Work**

List any community service or volunteer work completed during the past four years. This includes any non-paid activities performed in the community through service-based clubs, organizations, or school.

Organization/Group Benefitted	Grade Level				Name of Supervisor/Leader	Approx. hrs./year	Your role/Description of Activity
	9	10	11	12			

**Employment Experience**

List any employment that you have held during the past four years. If you do not have any employment experience, please state that.

Employer	Supervisor's Name	Approximate Employment Dates	Hours Worked per Week	Time of Year Worked	Additional Comments
				___ After School ___ Summer/Breaks	
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**Essay-2**

Your essay must be one page, typed, double-spaced, and contain a minimum of 300 words and a maximum of 500 words. Do not use your name in the essay and do not put it on the essay page. Write this essay based on the topic below.

***How will this scholarship help you in your career goals?***

I certify that all information included on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return your application along with your essay to Members First Credit Union. Applications will be accepted until the end of business day on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Failure to return application by this date will result in your application being disqualified. Return application packet to:

**Members First Credit Union**

**Address:** 3401 W. Beltline Hwy Madison, WI 53715

**Email:** [agraese@mbr1cu.org](mailto:agraese@mbr1cu.org)