



## 2023 Scholarship Application

To recognize our members who have shown scholastic achievement and interest in advancing their education, SecurTrust Federal Credit Union will award three scholarships in amounts of (2) \$1000 and (1) \$500 to members who best meet the requirements. The scholarships will be awarded to the best overall applicants with minimum 2.5 and higher.

Complete all portions of this application (Please print or type).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name (Last,First,Middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Student's Acct # \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date (Mo./Yr.) \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list honors and awards:

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Please list your academic, volunteer and extracurricular activities:

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(Attach additional Sheets if necessary)



Essays: Attached to your application, complete an essay on the following topic. Keep all clearly printed or typed written essays to a max of 1000 words.

Credit Unions have a philosophy of community enrichment. **How will your college experience make you a better member of our community?**

Be creative-there is no set template for a winning essay! **DO NOT include any Identifying information on the essay so that all essays may be judged anonymously.**

I certify that I understand the eligibility requirements and that the information submitted is true to the best of my knowledge.

The winner of a SecurTrust Federal Credit Union Scholarship agrees that upon acceptance of the scholarship, permission is granted to SecurTrust to use the winner's name and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winner. The winning essay (in any form) may be published in our SecurTrust Credit Union Newsletters and on the SecurTrust Credit Union website and social media sites. If selected as an award recipient, the winner agrees that a copy of an admission acceptance letter must be provided before distribution of funds are completed.

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Signature of Recipient and Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Minor) and Date

Deadline: Applications must be received at SecurTrust Federal Credit Union no later than Close of business on April 15, 2023.

Mail To: SecurTrust Federal Credit Union  
Attention: Martha Rushing  
3870 Goodman Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672

Email: [Mrushing@securtrust.org](mailto:Mrushing@securtrust.org)



- No entry fee required.
- You must be a graduating high school senior enrolling at an accredited two-year or four-year college or vocational/technical school during the 2023-2024 academic year.
- You must have a minimum (2.5) cumulative grade point average.
- You must be a SecurTrust Credit Union member in good standing. (Student must be the primary member on the account.) Account must have been opened for at least 6 months.
- Employees of SecurTrust Credit Union, board members, or other volunteer committees and their immediate families (sister, brother, son, or daughter) are not eligible.
- This is not a lottery. This scholarship contest is void where prohibited or restricted by any law or ordinance.
- Applications must be received at SecurTrust Credit Union no later than 4:30 p.m., April 15, 2023, and all information is subject to verification.

#### Application Package

You may obtain an application package at any SecurTrust Credit Union branch, or call (662) 890-8760 to request one be mailed to you. A completed application package must include:

1. Completed SecurTrust Credit Union Scholarship Application
2. Copy of your transcripts/grades with signature or seal of school official to verify authenticity
3. Essay (Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.)

Mail your completed application package to:

SecurTrust Federal Credit Union

ATTN: Martha Rushing

3870 Goodman Rd E

Southaven, MS 38672

#### Evaluation Process

The scholarship is awarded based on the complete application package. All decisions will be final.

Essay Topic:

- Credit Unions have a philosophy of community enrichment; how will your college experience make you a better member of your community?

#### Essay Criteria

Judges evaluating the essays will use the following criteria:

1. Does the essay present a clear focus of the topic?
2. Does the essay display originality?
3. Does the essay possess clear writing skills, including spelling and grammar?



### Submission Requirements

\_\_\_ Essays must be less than 1,000 words in length, written in English, printed clearly, or typed using 12-point font, double spaced. **Do NOT include any identifying information on the essay so that essays may be judged anonymously.**

\_\_\_ Only one essay may be submitted per person.

\_\_\_ Submissions must be original work and may not be based, in whole or in part, on any previously published or any third party copyrighted material.

\_\_\_ Any essay not within these guidelines will render the applicant ineligible for the scholarship.

\_\_\_ The completed application package must be received at SecurTrust Credit Union no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2023.

### Scholarship Award

\_\_\_ Three (3) scholarships in the amount of \$1000 (2), and \$500 (1) to students who best meet the requirements.

\_\_\_ The winners will be notified in July. Acceptance of a scholarship shall constitute permission for SecurTrust Federal Credit Union to use the winners' names and likeness for purposes of advertising, promotion, and publicity without additional compensation. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners.

\_\_\_ The winning essays may be published in the SecurTrust Credit Union Newsletter and on the SecurTrust Credit Union website and social media sites.

\_\_\_ The winner must provide a copy of the acceptance letter before funds can be disbursed.

**All entries shall become the property of SecurTrust Federal Credit Union and cannot be returned. SecurTrust Federal Credit Union will not be responsible for entries that are lost, damaged, illegible, incomplete, misdirected, or arrive with postage due.**