



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **Tom Bentley Memorial High School Scholarship Program**, offered by MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union. Enclosed, you will find the application package and detailed instructions to help you complete each section. Please take a few moments to review everything carefully before filling out the forms.

To be considered, **all application materials must be received by Friday, April 24, 2026**. Once your packet is complete, it will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee, and the recipients will be announced in June 2026.

Please submit any scholarship questions to marketing@midsouthfcu.org.

Thank you again for your interest in the Tom Bentley Memorial Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Bibb".

Roy Bibb
President & CEO

~Enclosures



TOM BENTLEY MEMORIAL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Instructions and Guidelines

Please read it in its entirety.

A. APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Either the applicant or the applicant's parent/guardian must have an active MidSouth Community FCU membership account that was opened on or before January 1, 2026.
2. For scholarship purposes, the term *child* is defined as a natural, adopted, or stepchild, or legal ward who is a dependent of a MidSouth Community FCU member.
3. The applicant is considered a high school senior who will graduate with, or before, their class.
4. The applicant must plan to enroll in a regionally accredited U.S. college, university, or vocational/technical school within one year of high school graduation.
5. If the applicant or the applicant's parent/guardian has previously caused a financial loss to MidSouth Community FCU, the applicant is ineligible.
6. The applicant cannot be an employee of MidSouth Community FCU, nor the child or grandchild of an employee or Volunteer of MidSouth Community FCU.

B. APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Grades | Official high school transcript
2. SAT/ACT scores
3. Leadership in school and citizenship
4. Recommendations written by two (2) teachers, administrators, counselors, community leaders, etc.
5. Financial need (to be considered in case of otherwise equally qualified applicants)

C. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

1. Two (2) recipients will each be awarded a scholarship of \$2,000.
2. Each scholarship will be paid in one lump sum directly to the recipients' college, university, or vocational/technical school.

D. APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN APPLYING:

1. Submit your completed application packet by mailing or hand-delivering it to the address below so that it arrives by **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
2. The two (2) letters of recommendation, academic transcript, and Academic Performance documents must also be mailed to the address below and received by **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026**. If any document is missing or arrives after the deadline, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.
3. Mailing/hand-delivery address:

MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union
ATTN: Scholarship Committee/Marketing Dept.
4810 Mercer University Drive
Macon, GA 31210

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Control # _____
(assigned by MSCFCU)

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____
Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Last 4 of Social Security # XXX - XX -

Phone (_____) _____
Area Code _____

High Schools Attended: (*List current high school first*)

Name of School	Date of Entrance	Period Attended (ex. 2022-2026)
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Signature of Applicant

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APPLICANT'S PARENTAL/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Address _____
Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____
Area Code _____

Last 2 digits of Parent/Guardian's active MidSouth Community FCU account #: _____

Last 2 digits of Applicant's MidSouth Community FCU account # (if applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian's Gross Income (total income earned before taxes/deductions) \$ _____

Number of dependent children not attending college (as of August 2026) _____

Number of dependent children attending college (as of August 2026) _____

Please explain any unusual circumstances:

Amount reserved for scholarship applicant's college education (if applicable): \$ _____

Does the parent/guardian have a pension plan other than Social Security?

Yes

No

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

HONORS & AWARDS - SCHOLASTIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/CIVIC

List each honor/award on a separate line and check each school year you received the award. **NO RESUMES, PLEASE.**

Name of Honor/Award

School year(s) you received the award

Example: Highest Algebra II Average

Example: MVP of the recreational soccer team

OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP - SCHOLASTIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/CIVIC

List each office/leadership position on a separate line and check *each* school year you held the position. **NO RESUMES, PLEASE.**

Name of Office/Leadership Position Held

School year(s) you held the position

Example: Yearbook staff – Editor

Example: Varsity basketball – Team Captain

MEMBER OF ORGANIZATION WHERE NO POSITION/OFFICE WAS HELD – SCHOLASTIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR/CIVIC

List each organization on a separate line and check each school year you were a member. NO RESUMES, PLEASE.

Name of Organization

School year(s) of membership

Example: Beta Club

Example: FCA – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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APPLICANT'S ENROLLMENT PLANS

State your plans for enrolling in a regionally accredited U.S. college, university, or vocational/technical school.

Have you been granted scholarship aid? If so, give details:

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college, university, or vocational/technical school you plan to attend? If so, give details:

Do you have reason to expect scholarship/financial aid from any other source? If so, give details:

In the space provided below (*handwritten or typed*), describe in 100 words or fewer why you want to receive the Tom Bentley Memorial Scholarship, and include the course of study or major you plan to pursue.



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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Must be completed by a school official.

Student's Name _____

Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of High School _____

Please complete:

I. College entrance examination score (ACT and/or SAT)

ACT composite score _____ (if applicable)

SAT composite score _____

Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

If SAT has been taken more than once, list the highest score from each section, and then include composite score above.

II. Student's cumulative high school Grade Point Average (GPA) _____

III. Graduation date _____

IV. Rank in class (if applicable) _____

V. Total number of students in graduating class _____

VI. Copy of high school transcript (enclose separately)

Academic performance form & transcript should be mailed to:

**MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union
ATTN: Scholarship Committee/Marketing Dept.
4810 Mercer University Drive
Macon, GA 31210**

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the Credit Union receives a completed Academic Performance form & high school transcript by **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026.**

Completed by: _____
(Signature of School Official)