



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Tom Bentley Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship Program, offered by MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union. An application package for this scholarship is enclosed, along with instructions for completing the application. Please take time to review the application and the instructions before completing the forms.

To be considered for the Tom Bentley Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship Program, **we must receive all application materials by Friday, April 26, 2024.** Your completed application packet will be reviewed by our Scholarship Committee, and the recipient of the scholarship will be announced in June 2024.

If you have any questions, you may address them to the Scholarship Committee at MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union, 4810 Mercer University Drive, Macon, Georgia 31210.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Tom Bentley Memorial Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,

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

Roy Bibb
President & CEO

~Enclosures



TOM BENTLEY MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Instructions and Guidelines

Please read carefully.

I. APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- A. Applicant must have a membership account with MidSouth Community FCU that was opened on or before January 1, 2024.
- B. Applicant is considered a High School graduate or has completed the GED requirement at the time of application.
- C. Acceptance to an accredited American college/university or technical school at the time of application. If pursuing a masters degree at the time of application, include acceptance letter to accredited college/university.
- D. If applicant has caused a loss to MidSouth Community FCU in the past, they are ineligible for the scholarship program. If applicant is awarded a scholarship and causes a loss to the credit union during the duration of the funding period, the scholarship will be terminated and applicant will no longer receive additional funds.
- E. Applicant cannot be an employee of MidSouth Community FCU, cannot be a child or grandchild of an employee of MidSouth Community FCU, nor can they be a child or grandchild of a Volunteer of MidSouth Community FCU.

II. APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. Grades | official transcript only
- B. Essay
- C. Recommendations written by two (2) community leaders, (i.e. pastor, educator, counselor, business or community leader, etc.)
- D. Financial need
- E. Overall appearance of application

III. APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY IN APPLYING:

- A. Mail or hand-deliver all completed application materials to the address below so that it arrives no later than **5:00 pm, Friday, April 26, 2024**. If all items are not received by the deadline, the scholarship application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
- B. The two (2) letters of recommendation and academic transcript(s) (from any college, university or vocational/technical school you have previously attended) must be mailed to the address below and received by **5:00 pm Friday, April 26, 2024**. If any of these items are not received by the deadline, the scholarship application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
- C. Mailing/hand-delivery address:
MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union
ATTN: Scholarship Administration Committee/Marketing Dept.
4810 Mercer University Drive
Macon, GA 31210

IV. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

- A. One scholarship in the amount up to \$2,000 will be paid to the recipients' college, university or vocational/technical school in installments of no more than \$500 per semester.
- B. This scholarship is automatically terminated:
 - (1) should the recipient's Grade Point Average (GPA) fall below 2.50, or
 - (2) should the recipient cease to be enrolled in a college, university or vocational/technical school

Note: By August of each year, the institution must send a transcript of the scholarship recipient's grades, including GPA, to the credit union's Marketing Dept. before further disbursement of scholarship funds can be mailed to his/her college.

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

Last 2 digits of Applicant's Active MidSouth Community FCU Acct #: _____

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

Number of dependent children applicant has, not attending college _____

Number of dependent children applicant has, attending college _____

Name of High School

Graduation Date (Month/Year)

Name of college, university or vocational/technical school you are planning to attend or currently attend:

Please explain any unusual circumstances:

Date

Signature of Applicant

TOM BENTLEY MEMORIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICANT'S ENROLLMENT PLANS

State your plans for enrollment in a regionally accredited American 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:

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

In the space provided below, please describe in 75 words or less – **handwritten or typed** - why you want to be a recipient of the MidSouth Community Federal Credit Union scholarship. Also include the courses of study or major field of interest you plan to pursue.
