



2018 CHARLES R. PINKERTON SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles R. Pinkerton Scholarship Award Program was established to help Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union Members, which are graduating high school seniors to work toward their first undergraduate degree.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union (MAES FCU) will award one scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to one student enrolled for a 2 or 4-year degree in an accredited college or university for the 2018-2019 academic year. The scholarship may not exceed the cost of education billed by the school. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the school. If Tuition was paid thru other Scholarships, MAES FCU Scholarship may be used for books. Receipts are required for Reimbursement.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 to be considered. Applicants will be evaluated on the following equally weighted categories:

- Essay
- Academics, Leadership Awards, or Recognitions
- Community service, volunteer work, or employment
- School Activities
- Letter of Recommendation

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The final decision will be made by a MAES FCU Scholarship Selection Committee. All decisions of the committee are final. Decisions will be made and the winner will be announced at the 62th MAES FCU Annual Dinner Meeting. The Scholarship Winner is required to be present at the Annual Dinner Meeting.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The Applicant must be a **primary member of Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union** and must have joined MAES FCU before December 31, 2017, and accounts must be in good standing. For verification of your membership status, please call 304-599-9600.
2. The Applicant must be a graduating high school senior. The applicant must show enrollment into an accredited college or university for the upcoming academic year. The applicant may be in an undergraduate program or in an associate's degree program at a community college.
3. The Applicant must have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average.
4. The Applicant must take at least nine (9) credit hours per semester for the 2018-2019 academic year.
5. Morgantown AES FCU employees, board members, committee members, and their families are not eligible. Previous scholarship winners are not eligible.

APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT

1. A **GPA approval document from the school (copy of latest report card or letter signed by the school counselor)**. This must be received by MAES FCU directly from the school in a sealed envelope **by the close of business on April 1, 2018**. The total cumulative GPA must be included on the documentation. MAES FCU will not calculate your grade point average.
2. A **complete Charles R. Pinkerton Scholarship application** is available at www.aesfcu.com.

An essay on the following topic: What dreams and aspirations do you have for the future that the MAES scholarship would help you accomplish?

1. The essay must contain between 300 and 500 words. The applicant's name should NOT appear in or on the essay. Essays will be judged on how well the topic is addressed, as well as grammar and spelling. The essay should be printed on 8½ x 11 white papers. Your essay must be typed, double-spaced.
2. Letter of recommendation from non-family member.

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It is the applicant's responsibility to see that the transcript, application, and essay are received by the deadline. Scholarship applications will not be considered unless all required information is received.

IMPORTANT: Failure to follow instructions will disqualify you.

- Include an **original plus 1 copies** of your application and your essay
- Do not send in any part of the application package separately, except for your GPA approval documentation from the school.
- Do not include any extra materials
- Do not staple any part of application – please use paper clips

Mail or Deliver to:

Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union
Attn.: Victoria Moore
1133 Van Voorhis Road
Morgantown, WV 26505-3530

DEADLINE

Applications must be hand delivered to the main office at 1133 Van Voorhis Road by 4:00 p.m. April 1, 2018, or post marked by April 1, 2018. MAES FCU will not be responsible for lost, delayed or misdirected mail. Faxes will not be accepted.

QUESTIONS

Contact the MAES FCU Scholarship Administrator, Victoria Moore, by email vmoore@aesfcu.com . Should there be a need to change any Scholarship criteria, please visit our website up until April 1, 2018 for updates. Phone call questions will not be accepted.

FORM INSTRUCTIONS

- You may use the computer to fill in the form fields and then print it out.

To fill in the form using your computer:

- Click to place the cursor where you want to enter information and type in the text. Because field space is limited, any text not seen on the screen will not appear when the form is printed.
- Use the TAB key to navigate between fields.
- Click or press ENTER to put a check in the check boxes.
- Once you've completed the form, print it out.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER WORK

List any community service or volunteer work within the **past three (3) years**. Include any non-paid activities performed in the community through service-based clubs, organizations or school.

Organization/Group Benefited (full name)	Grade Level			Name of Supervisor/Leader	Approx. hrs./year	Your Role/ Description of Activity
	10	11	12			

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List any extra-curricular activities during the **past three (3) years**. Include any participation in athletics, school clubs or organizations not previously listed.

Organization/Group Benefited (full name)	Grade Level			Name of Supervisor/Leader	Approx. hrs./year	Your Role/ Description of Activity
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I certify that the information in this application and all accompanying documents are true and correct. I also certify that I personally answered all questions and wrote the essay relating to this scholarship application. I understand that if for any reason, I discontinue my studies, I must notify Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union within ten (10) days. I also understand that I must be enrolled for at least nine (9) credit hours per semester to receive scholarship payments if awarded. I agree that the credit union may use my name and photograph for publicity purposes.

Applicant's signature **X** _____ Date: _____



FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING DISQUALIFIED.

Before submitting your application, be sure to:

Sign and date the application

Include an original plus one (1) copy of your completed application and an **original plus one (1) copy** of your essay.

Request an official proof of GPA to be mailed by your school in a sealed envelope to Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union's Scholarship Administrator. The official proof must be received by Morgantown AES Federal Credit Union directly from School.

Letter of Recommendation