

MEMBERS ADVANTAGE CREDIT UNION

2026

Leona Bruno Scholarship Application

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please read over the entire application before you begin.

CATEGORIES

Category 1: Personal Information Concerning Applicant / Signature Page

Category 2: School Information Concerning Applicant

Category 3: Scholastics

Category 4: School Activities

Category 5: Service to your Community

Category 6: Essay

- A copy of your UNOPENED transcript from your current high school or college must accompany this application. Do not make this a part of the application. The school you attend will provide your transcript in a SEALED envelope. DO NOT OPEN IT. Paper-clip your transcript to the finished application.
- All opened or "tampered" transcripts will be disqualified and will disqualify your complete scholarship application.
- Transcripts CAN be sent directly to the credit union. For electronic transcripts please call 219-874-6943 x327
- You must answer all questions asked. Please type all answers on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your application.
- Do NOT WRITE your name on any page EXCEPT for page 4, the section titled "Applicant Information" and, the section titled "Signature Required."
- All applications received become the property of MACU and will not be returned.
- **All walk-in and mail-in applications must be received and/or postmarked by March 6, 2026.** No faxed or emailed applications are accepted.
- All participating applicants will be notified of the results.
- Winner of the MACU Leona Bruno Scholarship is not eligible to win any other Members Advantage Scholarship.

Please enclose the signed application and all additional paperwork in an envelope addressed to:

Members Advantage Credit Union
Attn: Scholarship Committee
3064 S Ohio Street
Michigan City, IN 46360

LEONA BRUNO SCHOLARSHIP

In 1994, Members Advantage Credit Union established the Leona Bruno Scholarship. It is to be awarded annually to a graduating high school senior in the amount of \$1,000.00, in the form of a check payable to the student and the college or university he/she is attending. This scholarship will be given based on the following criteria:

- Scholastic achievement
- Personal integrity
- Active participation in and service to their attending school
- Active participation in and service to their community

Important information about the Leona Bruno Scholarship:

- Each applicant must have a regular Savings Account in his or her own name in good standing with a \$50 minimum balance at MACU.
- This scholarship is available to all eligible members of Members Advantage Credit Union, except for employees, management, board member, committee members or immediate family members of any above mentioned.
- Each applicant must currently be enrolled in a high school and entering a college or trade school in the fall of the same year upon graduation from high school.
- All scholarships will be issued in the name of the applicant and their attending college unless otherwise decided by the Credit Union.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Address:

City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

MACU account number (last 3 digits): _____

Name of school: _____

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Your signature is required on the first signature line as your application will not be accepted without it. The second signature line is a separate line that you should sign for commercial purposes. The second signature line is not mandatory for the acceptance of the application, or awarding of the scholarship.

Please sign the application, and then print your name.

I attest by my signature, that the information included in this application is truthful and correct, and my own work. I also understand if I am selected as the winner, I may be required to attend Members Advantage Credit Union's Annual Meeting for public presentation of my scholarship. If selected, MACU reserves the right to use my name and likeness for marketing purposes used specifically for the promotion of MACU Leona Bruno Scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____

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Applicant Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current GPA: _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____

Name and address of college or trade school you attend or plan to attend:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip: _____

Please indicate the following with an X and date:

_____ I have been accepted -- date of acceptance: _____

_____ I have not been accepted -- as of a date: _____

Intended course of study: _____

SCHOLASTICS/COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

List all scholastic awards and/or honors earned. Please note when you earned these awards and/or honors. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

List all honors or advanced placement programs you have completed, or are enrolled in at the present time. Please note when you completed these honors or programs. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

List all academic competitions you have participated in. Please note when you participated in these activities. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list any school leadership responsibilities which you have held and the amount of time you maintained those responsibilities. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

Please list your membership in and describe your participation in any school organizations, clubs, or sports activities. Please note the length of time you participated in these activities. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Please list your membership, participation and any volunteer community services you are actively involved in or have participated in for your community. Also, list the length of time you have been involved with these programs. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

Describe any community positions of leadership or responsibilities you have held. Also, list the length of time you held these positions. (If more space is needed, list on a separate sheet of paper)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please complete the following essay questions. **All answers must be typed.**

Essay question 1 (100-word minimum/300 maximum words)

Describe why you wish to obtain a college education and why you are deserving of a scholarship.

Essay question 2 (300-word minimum/500 maximum words)

What historical moment or event do you wish you could have witnessed and why?