



John S. Walsh Memorial Scholarship

Manchester firefighter John S. Walsh founded Members First Credit Union (formerly known as the Manchester Municipal Employees Credit Union) in 1949. In the beginning, John operated the credit union out of his briefcase from the Somerville Street fire station.

This scholarship was created to honor Mr. Walsh and his passion for Members First and the entire credit union industry.



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Members First Credit Union will award one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

Eligibility Qualifications

1. Applicant must be a full-time student currently enrolled in or accepted to an accredited college or university undergraduate program who is either:
 - a) Employed by the City of Manchester or the Manchester School District.
 - or—
 - b) Have a parent who is currently employed by or retired from the City of Manchester or the Manchester School District.
2. Applicant must be either:
 - a) A member of Members First Credit Union for at least one full year as of the application deadline noted below. (To become a member, you must live, work or attend school in New Hampshire; once a member, you must maintain a \$5 balance in a savings account).
 - or—
 - b) Have a parent or legal guardian that has been an existing member of Members First for at least one full year as of the application deadline noted below.
3. Applicant must complete a current scholarship application fully and accurately. You must submit the following items with the application. ALL items must be received in order for the application to qualify for consideration. All items must be single sided. Please do not use staples.
 - a) A typewritten essay, a minimum of one and no more than two pages in length (double-spaced), which addresses why you chose the major field of study as well as your career goals.
 - and—
 - b) A comprehensive high school or college transcript (if applicable). Currently enrolled college freshmen must submit their high school transcripts along with college transcripts. (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable if they include student name, school name and term).

Selection of the winners will be made by a committee formed of credit union officials. Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria: essay, grades, financial need, and extracurricular activities. Lifetime maximum of two (2) scholarships may be awarded per applicant.

Deadline: Applications and accompanying material must be postmarked or delivered to the credit union no later than March 31, 2025.

Mail to:

Members First Credit Union
Attn. Scholarship Committee
PO Box 896
Manchester, NH 03105

Winners will be notified by July 1, 2025. Award checks will be available for disbursement after completion of the first semester of school. Checks will be made payable and remitted to the school.

If you have any questions, please contact the credit union at 603-622-8781.



2025 John S. Walsh Memorial Scholarship Application

Please submit this completed application to the Members First Scholarship Committee along with your high school and/or college transcript and a 1 -2 page, typewritten, essay on why you chose your major field of study as well as your career goals. If you are a freshman in college, please submit both your college and high school transcripts. Please submit your documents unstapled.

Applicant Name _____ Member Number _____
Address _____ Applicant must be a member for 1+ year or have a parent or guardian who has been an existing member for 1 year or more.
Address line 2 _____ Phone Number _____
City, State, Zip _____ E-mail _____

High School Students:

What high school do you attend? _____
What college do you plan on attending? _____
Have you been accepted yet? _____
What is your planned program of studies? _____
Will you be residing on campus or commuting? _____
Will you be employed during your freshman year in college? _____

College Students:

What college are you currently attending? _____
What grade level are you currently? _____
What is your degree program and major? _____
Are you a residing on campus or commuting? _____
Are you currently employed? _____
If yes, where? _____
How many hours per week? _____

Financial Information (college expenses N/A for HS Students)

Tuition Cost _____
Room & Board Expense _____
Estimated Expense of Books, Supplies, etc _____
Estimated Transportation Expense _____
Estimated Total Expenses _____

Annual Household Income (gross) _____

Estimated Family Contribution
(including student loans) _____

Estimated Student Contribution
(includes savings, employment, etc) _____

Estimated Financial Aid
(grants, scholarships, etc) _____

Estimated Total Contribution _____

Signature of Student _____

Parent Signature (required if student under 18) _____

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Please use an additional sheet if necessary

Family Information

Please list all brothers and/or sisters that will be attending high school or college next year. Please check whether high school or college and state the academic year they will be enrolled. If it is a college, please indicate the name.

First Name	High School	College	Academic Year (next year)	College Name

School Activities

Please list all school activities in which you have participated during the past four (4) years. Please indicate any special awards and honors, leadership positions or offices held. Please check the academic years during which you participated in each activity.

Activity	Fr	So	Jr	Sr	Special Awards and Honors	Leadership Position or Office Held	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

Community and Volunteer Service Activities

List all community and volunteer service activities in which you have participated during the past four (4) years. Please indicate any special awards and honors, leadership positions or offices held. Do not list paid work here. Please check the academic years during which you participated in each activity.

Activity	Fr	So	Jr	Sr	Special Awards and Honors	Leadership Position or Office Held	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

Employment Information

Please list all positions in which you have been employed during the past four (4) years. Please check the academic year in which you were employed.

Employer	Position	Duties	Fr	So	Jr	Sr

Parent Employment Information

If you are not employed by the City of Manchester or Manchester School District, please indicate your parent's employment with or retirement from the City.

Parent Name	Employer	Position	Year(s) From-To

Military Service (if applicable)

Please list all military service history below and provide documentation.

Branch	Dates of Service	Discharge Type