



## 2016 SECU Scholarship for Maryland State Employees and Their Families

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of State Employee Family Member \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant (if person above is other than applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of college, university, or trade school at which you are accepted or enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

What will your grade level be in fall 2016? \_\_\_\_\_

### Please include in your application package:

1. This completed entry form.
2. An essay or video on the following topic:

**Whether you are currently in college or graduating high school and making the transition to a university in the fall, it's more critical than ever that you start taking more responsibility for your financial future. It's also important for you to understand the things that will most impact you as you begin to take control of your own finances and transition to life after school over the next few years. In an essay or a video, tell us what is the most important financial topic(s) that you believe would help you on your financial road to success.**

#### Essay Applicants:

- Compose a 500 to 750 word essay, in 12 point Arial font.
- Save a copy of your essay in Microsoft Word format only.
- Use your name (Last Name\_First Name.doc) as the file's title.
- Email the file and your completed entry form to ***scholarship@secumd.com***

#### Video Applicants:

- Produce a 2 minute video and upload the file to your YouTube channel.
- Email the YouTube link and your completed application to ***scholarship@secumd.com***

SECU's Marketing department must receive all materials between January 1 and April 8, 2016. All submissions must be emailed. Submissions made outside of this time period will not be accepted. Submissions cannot be accepted at SECU branches at any time.

## Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a SECU member and Maryland state employee, **or** an immediate family member (spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew).

AND

- Applicant must be currently enrolled or accepted into a college, university, trade, or technical school. All majors are eligible.
- All scholarship materials must be received by SECU's Marketing department by April 8, 2016.
- Applicant must have completed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade by July 1, 2016, and accepted at a college, university, trade, or technical school to be eligible; or must be enrolled in an undergraduate college or university, trade or technical school.
- Do not include any identifying information in your essay or video, such as your name or school.
- Winners agree to have their photo taken upon acceptance of the award.
- Applicant agrees that by entering into the SECU Scholarship contest, his or her photograph, name and award amount may be published in future print or electronic material.
- Applicant will provide true and correct information, or risk disqualification.
- SECU employees and their family members are not eligible for this scholarship program.

## Additional Information

- SECU will send funds directly to college, university, trade or technical school in which student is enrolled, on their behalf.
- SECU will award scholarships based on essay or video content, grammar/spelling, creativity, originality and writing or production style.
- Essays and videos will be judged by a pre-selected committee.
- Each scholarship winner will be notified in May 2016 of his/her award in writing, either by e-mail or postal mail.
- All tax responsibilities belong to the scholarship winner, not SECU.
- Failure to follow scholarship rules will result in disqualification.
- After SECU's scholarship ceremony, the list of award winners will be published on our website ([secumd.org](http://secumd.org)) and in the July issue of SECU's newsletter.