



RE: Educators Credit Union's Raphael "Ralph" Barksdale Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Educators Credit Union's Raphael "Ralph" Barksdale Jr. Memorial Scholarship program. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be members of Educators Credit Union or a dependent of an Educators Credit Union member, and currently enrolled in their final year of high school (senior).

Six (6) scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded based on scholastic achievement and community involvement. An unbiased Scholarship Committee, made up of school, community and credit union officials will judge the applicants. Funds will be applied toward tuition and books for the academic school sessions of Summer or Fall 2017 or Spring 2018.

**Follow all directions completely and carefully.** Regarding the letters of recommendation, it is imperative that **each be sealed in an envelope bearing the return address of the school for which the person writing the recommendation works.**

**Your transcript and both letters of recommendation must be included in the envelope with the completed scholarship application. Please enclose a recent photograph (preferably a head shot), no larger than a 4x6, to be used in the newsletter and newspaper in the event you are selected. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

**February 11, 2017 is the final day applications will be accepted. Please bring the application by the credit union on Highway 6, or mail it early to ensure delivery to the credit union before the deadline. Applications received after this date will be disqualified.**

Scholarships will be awarded at the Educators Credit Union Annual Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Waco Convention Center. Winners will be notified prior to this day and should plan to attend the meeting.

Again, thank you for your interest in the Educators Credit Union Scholarship, and good luck!

Sincerely,

EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION

*Doug Wedemeyer*

Scholarship Committee

**EDUCATORS CREDIT UNION'S  
RALPHAEL "RALPH" BARKSDALE JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility and Process

1. Applicant must be an Educators Credit Union member or a dependent of a member.
2. Applicant must be currently enrolled in final year of high school (senior).
3. Applicant must provide a copy of his or her most recent high school transcript showing applicant's class rank and SAT and/or ACT and/or TSI score(s).
4. Applicant must include an essay describing future aspirations in at least 250 words.
5. Applicant must provide two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty and/or staff at applicant's high school. Letters of recommendation must be written by someone other than relatives of the applicant or members of the Educators Credit Union Scholarship Committee and must be in a **sealed** envelope bearing the return address of the school for which the person writing the recommendation works. (See form in this packet.)
6. Applicant may include, if appropriate, any other family or financial information of which the Scholarship Committee should be aware.
7. A recent photograph, no larger than a 4x6, to be used in our newsletter and newspaper in the event you are selected.
8. Applicants **will not** be accepted under any circumstances after February 11, 2017. If mailing applications, allow ample time for any delays in the mail system. (No exceptions made for delayed arrival of applications through mail system.)
9. All scholarship materials must be returned at the same time and sealed in a large envelope. No partial applications will be accepted.
- 10. Failure to follow all instructions could cause disqualification.**

Please furnish all of the following information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ High School currently attending \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ What college will you be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you qualify?  Member Account Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dependent of Member Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

List any extra-curricular activities, school or community.

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List honors and awards, school and community.

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Do you plan to work while attending college? \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated hours per week \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently employed? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' combined annual income \_\_\_\_\_ Student's annual income \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate receiving any other scholarship assistance? If yes, list total amount (a "yes" answer does not disqualify you from ECU's scholarship). \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children in family. \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children in your family currently attending college \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information reported above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed application to:**

Scholarship  
Educators Credit Union  
PO Box 20728  
Waco, TX 76702-728

## **ESSAY**

Describe your future aspirations in at least 250 words. Include your interests, goals, possible fields of study and possible professions. An additional sheet may be attached due to space restrictions or use of a computer. Please type this essay.

**Letter of Recommendation for Educators Credit Union's  
Raphael "Ralph" Barksdale Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

Teacher or School Staff Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title and School \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Relationship with Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Acquaintance with Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Nighttime phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please briefly explain why this applicant is deserving of this scholarship.** (You may attach your letter.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please place this letter of recommendation in a **sealed** envelope printed with your school's return address or logo and return it to the applicant. All scholarship materials must be returned to Educators Credit Union at the same time. No partial applications will be accepted. No applications will be accepted after February 11, 2017.