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### **Scholarship Eligibility**

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1. The applicant must be/or become a member of ēCO Credit Union, with their account in good standing. Applicant must become a member no later than March 10, 2023.
2. The applicant must be a senior in high school who will be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an undergraduate course of study during the 2023-2024 academic school year at an accredited 2- or 4- year college, university, or vocation-technical college in the United States.
3. Members of the ēCO Board of Directors and the Scholarship Committee and their immediate family members/dependents of the same household are not eligible to receive scholarship. ēCO employees and their family members/dependents of the same household are not eligible for scholarship.

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### **Application**

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1. Scholarship applications and accompanying documentation must be completed in full and returned to the credit union by the submission deadline of March 10, 2023 to be considered for scholarship.
2. Please type or neatly print applications in black or blue ink.
3. All information provided to ēCO Credit Union with the scholarship application will remain confidential. No materials will be returned.

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### **Selection**

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1. Applications will be reviewed by the ēCO Scholarship Committee.
2. Finalists may be asked to meet with the Scholarship Committee for an informal interview.
3. Recipients of the Scholarship will be notified no later than April 3rd.
4. All decisions concerning the scholarship award will be the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee, and all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

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### **Payment**

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1. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to the institution of the recipient's designation no later than August 31, 2023.
2. Recipients of scholarship must provide ēCO with proof of enrollment at the intended school named on application. Such proof would be a course schedule, receipt from registrar's office, etc.
3. ēCO Scholarships are non-recurring awards.

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### **Questions**

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Please direct all questions pertaining to the ēCO A.L. Bratcher Scholarship to ēCO's Marketing Director at [marketing@ecocu.org](mailto:marketing@ecocu.org) or 205.226.3907.

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Applicant Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

eCO Account Type: \_\_\_\_\_ eCO Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include a copy of your most recent official high school transcript with application.)

Name of College, University, or Vocational-Technical College you plan to attend and its location:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Intended Study:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Information**  
 (You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

List all high school clubs, activities, sports in which you participated.

Name of Activity	# Years	Offices Held, Honors, Awards, Etc.
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List all volunteer, community service, or philanthropic activities in which you participated.

Name of Activity	# Years	Description
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List any other extracurricular activities: church, social group, jobs held, etc. while in high school.

Name of Activity	# Years	Description
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Essay Information**

Please choose one essay question to answer from the following three. On a separate sheet of paper, complete your answer and include with application. (Limit 300 words)

1. Describe your education and career goals. If awarded this scholarship, how will it help you attain these goals?
2. How has your credit union membership prepared you for a financially secure future?
3. What impact will the financial decisions you make as a young adult have on the rest of your life?

**Financial Need Information**

Please include a copy of your Student Aid Report and a list of all scholarships already awarded. \*If you do not have a Student Aid Report, please include copies of all parent/guardian W2's from 2021 and 2022.

I affirm that the information provided in this scholarship application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application, I agree to allow ēCO Credit Union to use my name, photograph, and essay in promotional materials if I am selected as a recipient of the scholarship award.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit completed application, essay, Student Aid Report and scholarship list, and official high school transcript by March 10, 2023 to:**

**ēCO Credit Union  
Attn: Marketing Director  
P.O. Box 2385  
Birmingham, AL 35201**

**Application and Essay can also be emailed to [marketing@ecocu.org](mailto:marketing@ecocu.org).**