



# Robert M. Sadler Scholarship Program

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*The Robert M. Sadler Scholarship is in honor of a a long time retired Access CU board member and chairman of the board who volunteered many hours to contribute to the success of Access CU. The cost of college is among the top challenges facing students considering higher education institutions across the country. Access CU is committed to supporting it's members and the children in their care through financial education. To help with this financial burden:*

**Two \$500 Scholarships will be awarded to:  
Graduating high school senior OR Existing higher education student!**

## **Who Is Eligible?**

- Applicant, parents, legal guardians or grandparents must be Access CU members for 3 months or more before application is submitted.
  - Graduating high school senior accepted to an accredited college, university or vocational school full-time for 2023-2024
- Or**
- Full-time undergraduate student currently enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational school for 2023-2024
  - Cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 or 3.5 out of 5.0 or higher (GPA may be waived with a letter of support from your high school principal or the Academic Dean of the College)

## **Requirements**

- Short Application
- 60-second video or 500 word essay (see topic choices on following page)
- 2 recommendations from non-family members, one must be from an educator (teacher, counselor, etc.)
- School transcripts (unofficial accepted)

## **Scholarship Selection Process**

All applicants for this scholarship, regardless of their physical, learning, medical, mental health and sensory challenges are considered if the applicant meets the minimum requirements. The selection process combines applicant achievement, academic performance, and application presentation in the determination of a winner. Committee members rate each applicant on: Clarity of Message, Creativity, Knowledge of Topic and Recommendations. Scores are combined and scholarships are awarded to the candidates with the highest score.

## **Deadlines**

- Only complete applications will be considered.
- Applications must be completed online or received by **February 28, 2023**.
- Upload documentation online at [www.access-cu.com](http://www.access-cu.com) or print and mail, along with your documentation and video/essay to: Access Credit Union, 1807 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL 60155

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## Video or Essay Requirements

### Topic:

Regardless of your individual financial situation, knowing the basics of personal financial management is crucial. From the student who doesn't have to worry about money, to the student who has to pay attention to every penny, using your money wisely helps you achieve the goals you have in life. Most people have stress about their finances! If you have felt stressed about money, then you are not alone; the American Psychological Association confirms finances as the top stressor in a survey of causes of stress in the United States. Finances aren't something we often talk about, but in this video or essay we ask you to spend some time considering your finances.

- *Please discuss your strengths and/or weaknesses when it comes to your finances. Discuss any financial stressors you may have along with any financial goals. Please also discuss the impact of digital media on your financial education (such as social media, webpages, blogs, etc.) and whether you primarily utilize online sources for financial education or other sources in your life to help make financial decisions. In addition, please comment on how Access Credit Union can assist you on your financial journey now and in the future.*

### Video

- Up to a two minute video/commercial
- Video format guidelines: File size limit is 300 MB. Acceptable file formats are .MPG; .MOV; .AVI; .WMV.
- The video will not be judged on the quality of the production, but the message itself.

### Essay

- 500 essay (can be approximate)
- Essay format guidelines: double spaced, 1" margins, 12 point Times New Roman font, 500 words (approximately) or approximately 2 pages in length. No longer than 700 words, approximately 3 pages in length.

### Distribution of Award

- Access CU will award the \$500 scholarships in the form of a cashier's check payable to the student and the school.
- Winners will be notified by email by March 17, 2023.

\* Your accounts (checking, ATM, savings, etc.) must be in good standing with no delinquent or charge off loans. Access CU board members and employees and their immediate families are not eligible. Students who have previously won the Access CU scholarship will not be eligible to win.



# Robert M. Sadler Scholarship Application

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**Applicant Information** *(Only complete applications will be considered.)*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred method of contact: ☐ Phone ☐ Email

**Access CU Member Information** *(if different than applicant):*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Current Education Information** *(Must submit a copy of your high school or accredited college, university or vocational school transcript)*

High School/College: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of accredited post-secondary school you will attend/are attending:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one:    2 Year Community/Junior College    4 Year College/University    Vocational/Technical Date of

Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

The information provided in this Scholarship Application is true and complete. I authorize Access Credit Union's Scholarship Committee to verify or obtain further information that the committee may deem necessary concerning my Scholarship application. I understand that this application and video or essay will be retained by the Scholarship Committee whether or not I am awarded a scholarship. I also understand that the decision of Access Credit Union's Scholarship Committee is final.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant that Access Credit Union the right and license to use my name, image, likeness and comments or any reproduction of myself in Access Credit Union materials for internal or external audiences. These materials include but are not limited to advertisements, brochures, news releases, newspapers, newsletters, videos and web sites. I understand that this video/essay will become the property of Access Credit Union and that they can use the content for future ads for the credit union and/or use the video/essay in the future. Permission is hereby granted to make changes or alterations to the video/essay.

The undersigned warrants that he/she is at least 18 years old. If the undersigned has not reached legal age, please include a parent or guardian signature.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ (if necessary) Date \_\_\_\_\_

**All complete scholarship applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 28, 2023. Please submit a completed application, transcript, recommendations, and either a 60-second video or 500 word essay. You can complete the application and upload documentation online at [access-cu.com](http://access-cu.com). A PDF of the application is also available online and can be printed and mailed, along with your documentation and video/essay to: Access Credit Union, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 1807 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL 60155.**

Thank you for applying for Access Credit Union's Scholarship Program. We will contact you by March 17, 2023 if you have been awarded a \$500 scholarship.



## College Scholarship Recommendation

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You have been asked to submit a recommendation on behalf of this applicant (who cannot be a relative) for the Access Credit Union College Scholarship. Please answer the following questions and email to [nbrennan@access-cu.com](mailto:nbrennan@access-cu.com) or fax to 708-223-1312 by February 28, 2023.

**Name of Scholarship Applicant:**

**How do you know the Applicant?**

**What characteristics do you consider his/her greatest attributes?**

**Any additional comments:**

**Prepared by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone** \_\_\_\_\_