



The Bernard R. Spechalske Scholarship

A \$1,500 Scholarship for High School Seniors

The Board of Directors of the Medina County Federal Credit Union established The Bernard R. Spechalske Scholarship in 1994, in honor, memory, and recognition of Ben's service to the Medina County Federal Credit Union as a member, director and president.

A \$1,500 scholarship will be paid to the institution of higher education as specified by the scholarship recipient.

Eligibility

- Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.
- The applicant must be a senior (12th grade status).
- The applicant (or parent, grandparent or guardian) must be a current member of The Medina County Federal Credit Union.
- The applicant must pursue an associate or undergraduate degree in an institution of higher learning.
- The applicant must complete and return the entire scholarship application.
- The applicant must include a transcript of grades and standardized test results (i.e. PSAT, SAT, ACT, Proficiency Tests, etc.) through the junior year plus a copy of the grade cards for the first semester of the senior year.
- At the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, a personal interview may be requested.
- The applicant must use the scholarship during the academic year immediately following the acceptance of the scholarship.

If the scholarship is not used by June 30 of the following year, it will be forfeited.

See application instructions on the following page.



Application Instructions for the Bernard R. Spechalske Scholarship

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The Application Process includes following directions.

Please read each instruction carefully. Incomplete applications may influence the decision of the Scholarship Committee. The scholarship recipient will be notified on or after April 14, 2022.

By submitting your scholarship application, you authorize Medina County Federal Credit Union to use and publish your name and likeness for the purpose of publicity and advertising. You understand and agree that all materials submitted with your scholarship application will become the property of Medina County Federal Credit Union and will not be returned to you. If you have not received an award letter by the first of May, you should assume that you were not selected to receive the scholarship.

All material must be received by the deadline of Friday, March 11, 2022.

Application format and instructions

1. Please type A-I statements plus your answers on a cover sheet for your application:

- A. Please indicate in capital letters the name of the scholarship for which you are applying.
- B. Applicant's name
- C. Address
- D. Telephone number
- E. Date of birth
- F. Name and relationship of qualifying member
- G. Name of parent(s) or guardian
- H. Name of current high school
- I. Name and telephone number of your school advisor

2. Credit unions have a social purpose. The national slogan for credit unions is *People Helping People*. They believe in people working together to achieve a better life for themselves and their communities by putting people first and profits second. Write an essay, including a title, explaining what you have done to help people or someone in your life. Type your application in a double space format, not exceeding 500 words. Be certain that your name appears on each sheet of your entire application.

3. On a separate page from the essay, please type at least one paragraph to answer each of the following statements: Type each statement A-C at the beginning of each response.

- A. List your extra-curricular activities, work experience, volunteer service, and hobbies/interests.
- B. Explain your future career/personal goals.
- C. List special awards you have received or achievements you have accomplished.

4. Submit a transcript of grades and standardized test results (i.e. SAT, ACT, Proficiency Tests, etc.) through your junior year plus a copy of your grade cards for the first semester of the senior year.

Submission

Email your completed application, including your transcript (scanned with the application), in one PDF file to info@medfed.com and type "Spechalske Scholarship Application" in the subject line.

Please note: Multiple files will not be accepted.