MARY SPINK SCHOLARSHIP

The Award
LES People’s FCU awards two scholarships in the amount of $500, to be paid jointly to the student and educational institution, and/or other school expenses.

Eligibility
• The applicant is a college-bound high school senior at the time of application.
• The applicant is attending college for the first time in the fall of 2014.
• The applicant will be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution.
• The applicant agrees to use any scholarship funds awarded by January 31, 2015, at an accredited educational institution only.

Application Process
To apply, eligible applicants must complete the attached scholarship application form. Applicants should type or print clearly and use only the space provided on the form to answer the questions. Other than specified below, no attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind should be submitted or used to answer the questions. The applicant can submit only one application.

Check each box after completion.
1. The application must be signed by a credit union management-level employee of the applicant’s participating credit union in order to verify eligibility.
2. The signed application must be submitted with:
   • a high school transcript documenting student’s GPA for grades 9–11;
   • an SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office); and
   • a typed essay response.
3. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian must sign the Certification and Release Authorization on the last page of the application form.
4. The application, transcripts and essay must be returned to the credit union by Friday, Jan. 31, 2014.
If any portion is incomplete or missing, the application will not be considered.

Selection Process
Judging will be based on both subjective criteria and weighted, objective criteria. These include academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, essay, etc.

Receiving Award
Awards will be deposited into the winner’s account at the credit union. Winners must open a LES People’s FCU share/savings account if they are not current members of the credit union by April 2014.

Application Deadline
Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than January 31, 2014.
Scholarship Applicant Information
This application will not be considered unless all information is completed in full, on this form only, and all requested documentation is provided.

Please type or print clearly, and use only the space provided on this form to answer the questions. Do not use any attachments, resumes, pictures or other material of any kind to answer the questions. Winners will be notified in April.

Name _____________________________________________________________________________________
Address____________________________________________________________________________________
City _____________________________________________ State _______________ Zip Code______________
Phone _______________________________________ Email ________________________________________
High School _________________________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date _____ / _____ / _____

Name of College You Plan to Attend _____________________________________________________________

High School Honors and Awards
Please list honors and awards and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.
Examples: honor roll, National Honor Society, Who’s Who, Principal’s awards, science fair awards, college book awards, student/athlete awards, Empire State Games team, Eagle Scout classification.

1. ___________________________________________ 6. _________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________ 7. _________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________ 8. _________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________ 9. _________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________ 10. _________________________________________

High School Activities
Please list high school activities and year(s) of participation. Use this space only.
Examples: sports teams, clubs, band, drama, choral, orchestra, yearbook, school newspaper, MathCounts, LifeSmarts, tutoring.

1. ___________________________________________ 6. _________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________ 7. _________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________ 8. _________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________ 9. _________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________ 10. _________________________________________

Community Activities and Volunteer Work
Please list community activities and volunteer work and year(s) of participation. Do not list one-time activities or events. Use this space only.
Examples: scouting, community service projects, community volunteerism, religious youth groups, youth counseling.

1. ___________________________________________ 6. _________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________ 7. _________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________ 8. _________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________ 9. _________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________ 10. _________________________________________
Paid Employment
Please list each job separately and indicate the year(s) employed. Only jobs requiring more than 10 hours per week should be listed. Use this space only.

Examples: part-time jobs, babysitting.

1. ___________________________________________ 6. _________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________ 7. _________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________ 8. _________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________ 9. _________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________ 10. _________________________________________

Leadership Positions Held (elected or appointed)
Please list leadership positions held and the year(s) of participation. Use this space only.

Examples: class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, band/orchestra 1st chair.

1. ___________________________________________ 6. _________________________________________
2. ___________________________________________ 7. _________________________________________
3. ___________________________________________ 8. _________________________________________
4. ___________________________________________ 9. _________________________________________
5. ___________________________________________ 10. _________________________________________

Essay
Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following questions. Your response should be typed, between 300–500 words and should include your full name in the top right corner. Points will be deducted if responses are not typed.

**Question:**
Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members, not generate profit. “People helping people” is the philosophical foundation of these institutions. What do you see as the value of this foundation? Please explain.

In addition:
- what makes your credit union different than a for-profit financial institution?;
- how does your credit union demonstrate credit union’s “people helping people” philosophy?; and
- if you ran your credit union, what is one initiative/program you would implement?
Certification and Release Authorization

The following information must be completed for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award.

I certify this information is true, complete and accurate. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I agree to use any scholarship funds awarded at an accredited educational institution by January 31, 2015.

Member Signature (Student) ___________________________ Date _____/_____/_____

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date _____/_____/_____