The Award
The People’s Memorial College Scholarship wants to support first-time college students with their career path by offering a monetary incentive to cover qualified college expenses such as Partial Tuition, School Books, School Equipment and Relocation Expenses. The People’s Memorial College Scholarship awards two prizes of $1,000. This scholarship application is open to members and non-members of LES People’s FCU.

Eligibility – The applicant:
• Must have been a college-bound high school senior at the time of the application,
• Must be attending college for the first time in the fall of 2020,
• Must be enrolled in either a two- or four-year accredited educational institution,
• Agrees to open a savings account at LES People’s FCU if he/she wins the scholarship,
• Agrees to use the awarded funds before January 31, 2021 at an accredited educational institution only.

Application Process
The applicant can submit only one application.
1. Complete the Scholarship application.
2. The completed application must be submitted with:
   a high school transcript documenting student’s GPA for grades 9–11;
   a typed essay response; and
   an SAT/PSAT/ACT transcript (obtained through the high school guidance office)
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 submitted to the credit union by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 4pm. 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 essay, academic achievements, extracurricular and community activities, etc.

Receiving Award
Awards will be deposited into the winners’ accounts at LES People’s FCU after verifying eligible expenses. Awards ceremony will take place at the 2020 LES People’s FCU Annual Meeting in the spring. Winners are expected to attend.

Application Deadline
Applications must be returned to the credit union no later than March 31, 2020 at 4pm. Completed applications can also be submitted via email to aportada@lespfcu.org with subject line SCHOLARSHIP 2020.
PEOPLE’S MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 spring of 2020.

☐ LES People’s FCU Member
☐ Non-member

Full Name ____________________________________________ Day of Birth ___ / ___ / ___
Address______________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _____________ Zip Code __________
Phone ___________________________ Email __________________________
High School ___________________________ Anticipated Graduation Date ___ / ___ / ___
High School Address __________________________________________
Name of College You Plan to Attend in 2020 __________________________
Major __________________________________________

Honors, Awards and Leadership Positions
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, class officer, club officer, sports team leader, scouting leader, student government officer, band/orchestra 1st chair etc.

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

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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.

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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.

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Essay
Please use a separate sheet of paper to respond to the following question. 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.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that exist to serve members with affordable financial and banking products. Our credit union’s mission is to promote economic justice and opportunity in NYC neighborhoods. We are owned by our members and dedicated to providing high-quality financial services and community development investments in low income, immigrant and other underserved communities.

Question
As a current high school senior and future college student, what suggestions do you have to make a positive change at your high school, or within the educational system as a whole, to improve financial education for young people as yourself? How do you think a financial cooperative (credit union) like us can help to achieve that positive change?

Your essay may cover your own (or someone you know) experience with money and financial decisions (good or bad); good lessons you’ve learned in school, home or from friends that have helped you face financial decisions better; your ideas of how high school, financial institutions, or parents can prepare you better financially; tips that you have shared with other peers about savings and budgeting; and what you believe is the best way to talk to young people like yourself about personal finance.
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, 2021.

Applicant Signature (Student) __________________________________________________
Date _____/_____/_____

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________________________________
Date _____/_____/_____

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Application Verification
I hereby certify that I have received the complete application from the scholarship applicant.

CU Officer Name ____________________________________________________________
Signature___________________________________________________________________D
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