



## **East Texas Professional Credit Union McLaughlin Scholarship Guidelines**

The education profession holds an endearing place in the history of East Texas Professional Credit Union. Our institution was founded in 1953 when 13 educators came together and pooled their resources in order to offer an alternative means of financial well-being for the common man. Although our field of membership has expanded to encompass many varied professions, education remains the heart of our organization. To further support individuals striving to change the lives of young people through teaching, East Texas Professional Credit Union began a scholarship program in 2001 - paying tribute to the Credit Union's founding president, A.R. McLaughlin. The East Texas Professional Credit Union Scholarship Program is now entering its eighteenth year of awarding deserving graduates financial assistance in pursuing their college goals. This opportunity could help make a deserving student's college dreams come true.

### **Requirements and Eligibility**

To be considered for one of the McLaughlin Scholarships, an applicant must adhere to the following guidelines.

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior at a public high school (including charter schools) within East Texas Professional Credit Union's field of membership. Students attending school in Anderson, Angelina, Camp, northern Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rusk, Smith and Upshur counties are eligible for the scholarship. Also, students attending school in Daingerfield in Morris County and Hughes Springs and Avinger in Cass County are eligible.
2. The applicant, or an immediate family member, must have an East Texas Professional Credit Union account in good standing. (An immediate family member is defined as a parent, grandparent, brother or sister.) To join the Credit Union a minimum \$5 deposit into a savings account is required and a membership eligibility requirement must be met. East Texas Professional Credit Union has three locations in Longview, as well as offices in Carthage, Gilmer, Hallsville, Henderson, Kilgore, Lufkin, Marshall, Nacogdoches, and Tyler. Applicants may contact ETPCU at 903-323-0230 or 800-256-5009 or visit any office location for more membership information.
3. The applicant must work towards a degree in the field of education.
4. The applicant must enroll in a minimum course load of 12 semester hours. The applicant must complete and pass each class, during each semester, for the first year of college.\*
5. The applicant must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 during each semester of the first year of college. \*\*
6. Only one scholarship will be given per family per year.
7. East Texas Professional Credit Union employee family members are eligible for a scholarship.

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8. The applicant is only eligible for one scholarship; either the McLaughlin Scholarship (education majors) or the Presidential Scholarship (all majors). The applicant should specify the scholarship for which they are applying by submitting the appropriate application.
9. The applicant must submit a completed six-page scholarship application, accompanied with the following attachments, to receive consideration for the scholarship:
  - A. Proof of income for parent(s) / guardian(s). A copy of the previous year's W-2 or income tax return must be provided for each parent / guardian listed on the application.
  - B. An official high school transcript.
  - C. Two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor is required.

**Incomplete applications will not receive scholarship consideration.**

10. The scholarship application and all attachments must be postmarked by March 1, 2018. The applications should be addressed to:

East Texas Professional Credit Union  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 6750  
Longview, Texas 75608

\* A receipt of enrollment in a minimum of 12 semester hours must be provided in order to receive the first installment of scholarship funds. (Quarterly system: A receipt of enrollment in a minimum of 8 quarterly hours must be provided in order to receive the first installment of scholarship funds.) Dual credit hours cannot be calculated into college semester hour totals.

\*\* Proof of passing grades for the first semester and registration of at least 12 semester hours for the second semester must be provided in order to receive the second installment of scholarship funds. (Quarterly system: Proof of passing grades for the first and second sessions of 8 hours each and registration of at least 8 quarterly hours for the third session must be provided in order to receive the second installment of scholarship funds.) Dual credit course grades cannot be calculated into college GPA totals.

### **Scholarship Information**

The East Texas Professional Credit Union McLaughlin Scholarship is a \$2,000 honor.

A Scholarship Committee made up of ETPCU employees and/or delegates will be responsible for reviewing scholarship applications. The selection of scholarship recipients will be based on the students' financial need, content and completeness of replies, as well as school and community involvement. The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. Scholarship recipients will be announced on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.etpcu.org](http://www.etpcu.org) in the "more resources" tab displayed on our home page.

Scholarship recipients must submit a photograph which will be used to publicize the East Texas Professional Credit Union scholarship program. Photographs should not accompany the application. Photographs will be accepted following notification of scholarship recipients.

Checks will be issued to the scholarship recipient's school of choice. Funds will be disbursed in two installments: the first installment will be paid following enrollment in the fall semester; the second installment will be paid following the satisfactory completion of the fall semester and the enrollment in the spring semester.

Fall semester scholarship funds must be claimed by November 1, 2018. Spring semester scholarship funds must be claimed by May 1, 2019.



**East Texas Professional Credit Union McLaughlin Scholarship Application**

The questions that follow are designed to collect information about the applicant's background, interests, and plans. Please print legibly or type responses. The answers to these questions, as well as the required attachments for this scholarship program, will be disclosed only to those qualified persons who must see them in the course of their duties.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about our scholarship program? \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please circle name you go by* (Last) (First) (Middle)

Applicant's Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Number and Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (City) (State) (Zip) (Home Telephone Number)

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ETPCU Account Number (or the name, relationship and account number of the individual qualifying you for this scholarship): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yearly Income (copy of previous year's W-2 or income tax return must accompany application): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Yearly Income (copy of previous year's W-2 or income tax return must accompany application): \_\_\_\_\_

List in chronological order all schools attended in the last four years, including any summer or special courses:

Name of school	Location (city and state)	Dates of attendance	Year graduated

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## A. General Information

Number of dependent children in family including applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Number currently attending college: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ on a (please circle one) **4.0** or **5.0** scale. Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

SAT or ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_ List all colleges to which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

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What major will you declare? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for any other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your future plans regarding a career in education? \_\_\_\_\_

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## B. Activities and Work Experience

List activities you have participated in at your school (such as journalism, debate, theater, music, art, student government, etc.):

Activity	Grade level(s) participated	Offices held	Special honors

List sport(s) you have participated in:

Sport	Grade level(s) participated	Scholarships or special honors







**H. Contact Information** *(please complete all information and verify for accuracy)*

School Superintendent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Most Influential Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_