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**LAFCU offers \$5,000 in scholarships to high school seniors**

*Winners direct additional \$1,000 to charities; application deadline April 15*

LANSING, Mich. — LAFCU is accepting applications for its 2017 “Write to Educate” Essay Contest that will award two \$2,500 college scholarships to high school seniors and allow them each to select a local charity to receive a \$500 donation from LAFCU. Applications are available online at [www.lafcu.com/lafcumyway](http://www.lafcu.com/lafcumyway).

One scholarship is for a student who will attend Baker College’s Owosso campus; the other is for a student who will attend Lansing Community College.

“This scholarship program is designed to help each winning student pursue their educational goals and also help charitable organizations in our service area continue to do their good work,” said Kelli A. Ellsworth Etchison, LAFCU vice president of community and business development. “LAFCU’s mission is to support the ideal of ‘people helping people,’ and the Write to Educate scholarship helps us fulfill that mission.”

Submissions will be accepted through Saturday, April 15. The winners will be chosen based on responses to a one-page essay on the topic: Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability in and out of school and how you plan to grow as a leader.

The two winning students will be selected Friday, April 28. Each winner will choose one of the following charities to receive the \$500 donation from LAFCU:

- Allen Street Farmers Market
- Greater Lansing Food Bank
- The Salvation Army Owosso for its food and nutrition programs
- YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing’s Healthy Living Mobile Kitchen

Applicants must attend high school in the LAFCU service territory, which includes the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. They do not need to be members of LAFCU to apply.

Entries may be uploaded via [www.lafcu.com/lafcumyway](http://www.lafcu.com/lafcumyway) or mailed to LAFCU, P.O. Box 26188, Lansing, MI 48909. For more information, visit [www.lafcu.com/lafcumyway](http://www.lafcu.com/lafcumyway).

### **About LAFCU**

Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is proud to be mid-Michigan's credit union, serving the counties of Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee. A recipient of the Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Award, LAFCU takes pride in bringing value to the financial lives of its members, neighbors, families and community. Offering a comprehensive range of personal and business financial products, LAFCU provides services that include checking and savings accounts, auto and mortgage lending, business accounts and business lending. LAFCU serves nearly 60,000 members, holds more than \$600 million in assets, and maintains nine locations throughout Greater Lansing and Shiawassee County. Anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in its designated counties is eligible to join. Members enjoy benefits, such as lower interest rates on loans, higher yields on savings, insurance discounts, preferred seating for LAFCU-sponsored events, and access to 28,000 surcharge-free ATMs through the CO-OP ATM network. LAFCU supports and enriches mid-Michigan by donating funds and employee volunteer hours to many organizations and causes. To learn more about LAFCU, please call 517.622.6600 or find us online:

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