



## 2018 Write to Educate Essay Contest

LAFCU is awarding two \$2,500 scholarships, along with a \$500 donation to a local charity.

LAFCU is seeking seniors attending high school in Barry, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Livingston, Montcalm and Shiawassee counties to participate in our annual "Write to Educate" essay contest. Students attending **Lansing Community College or Baker College in Owosso** should apply.

The Lansing State Journal is a community sponsor of the 2018 Write to Educate Essay Contest. This year's winner(s) essays will be published in the Lansing State Journal.

### **TASK:**

Write a one-page essay (typed in Times New Roman, 12 pt. font, single spaced)

### **TOPIC:**

- **Credit Unions were built on the principle of People Helping People. Why do you think this philosophy is important? How can you embody this principle in your community, on your college campus, or through volunteerism.**

### **GRADING:**

Students will be graded using a 1-5 point scale with the following criteria:

- Specifically followed the requirements and directions of the essay contest
- Content
- Correct spelling/grammar

### **SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED:**

March 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018

Please upload entries to:

- [lafcu.com/lafcumyway](http://lafcu.com/lafcumyway) (if you are under 18, we will need page 3 of the application completed and mailed to the address below)  
or
- Mail entries to: LAFCU P.O. Box 26188, Lansing, MI 48909  
Attn: Marketing

\* If mailing, please complete and mail the attached application with your essay.

\*Employees of LAFCU and their immediate family members are excluded\*

**WINNER:**

The winner will be selected on Friday, May 11, 2018. A copy of a current high school student identification card or transcript will validate the winner's eligibility.

**Community Donation**

- As part of our mission of people helping people, LAFCU will donate \$500 to an organization in our community on your behalf if you are selected as our 2018 Write to Educate scholarship winner. Please select from the following worthy organizations and briefly explain why you chose them:
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region
    - Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region serves children in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia and Shiawassee counties. Their mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. They develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.
  - Building Twentyone Teen Center and Indoor Skate Park
    - Building Twentyone is committed to give students the opportunity to develop life changing values, while coaching them to find their passion and purpose, to be actively engaged in their community. It takes just 21 days to form a habit, so Building Twentyone is a unique youth-driven center focused on building trust, hope, character, potential and influence through providing after school, evening, and weekend programs or activities designed for diverse students 7th - 12th grade in the Greater Lansing area.
  - Shiawassee Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council
    - The Shiawassee Community Foundation enriches the lives of those in Shiawassee County by building sustainable funds from a wide range of donors to fund emerging community needs. The Youth Advisory Council is a group of teens from middle to high school who organize and sponsors local events in their community to ensure it is a vibrant and thriving region.

**Explanation of Selection**

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**Awarding of the Scholarship:**

- The winner must be attending LCC or Baker College in Owosso and have a valid Student ID number as the funds will be submitted to the respective college in the winner's name.
- Any unused portion of the scholarship after two years from the date of issue may be returned to the grantor.

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## Write to Educate Essay Contest Application

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School \_\_\_\_\_

What grade are you in? \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the *Write to Educate* essay contest? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you a LAFUCU member? (not required to apply) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Which school will you be attending?

LCC \_\_\_ Baker College of Owosso \_\_\_

\*Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\*By signing this application, you are stating that you are the author of the essay submitted and the material is not plagiarized in any manner. You are also giving LAFUCU and the Lansing State Journal permission to use your name and/or photograph in marketing, media, and promotional materials, as well as the ability to publish your essay. Signature may be verified upon winning.

\*Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

\*If the student is under 18 years of age, the parent/guardian will need to sign giving LAFUCU permission to use the student's name and/or photograph in marketing, media and promotional materials. Signature may be verified upon winning.

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