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Winter 2020 SMEA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Background Information: The Save Mart Employee Association (SMEA) shares a vision of excellence through leadership. Our mission is to inspire and support the members of SMEA in achieving their goals and reaching their full potential within Save Mart and the community, thereby enhancing our ability for shared success.

In support of achieving these goals, SMEA is awarding up to Fifty (50) college scholarships at the \$500 level to a select number of eligible students who are graduating high school and enrolling in college or who are currently attending college and pursuing a degree.

- * High school students must be seniors in high school. High school students are eligible to receive one (1) scholarship award while in high school which will be disbursed during their first official quarter/ semester in college. If you received a scholarship while in high school, you must wait until you have completed a full quarter/ semester of college to reapply.
- * While in college, students may apply for one scholarship per year and are eligible to receive up to one (1) scholarship per calendar year (pending availability and eligibility). Scholarship awards are valid for the upcoming quarter/ semester of college only. Postponing intended attendance of upcoming quarter/ semester of college may result in the forfeit of a scholarship award.

NOTE: Difficult decisions must be made in selecting students the SMEA Scholarship committee feels will benefit the most from the limited number of scholarships available, and who have the greatest need for financial aid. There are always more applicants than funds available. Thus, not all deserving applicants will receive scholarships.

REQUIREMENTS: An applicant must be enrolled in college or planning to attend college at the beginning of each new school quarter/ semester. All eligible applicants must be a member of SMEA or a dependent family member of a SMEA member. Spouses of SMEA members may also apply. Scholarships are awarded based on the information furnished by the applicant and evaluation by the SMEA Scholarship Committee. A phone interview may be conducted at the discretion of the SMEA Scholarship Committee.

Applicants are **REQUIRED** to submit **ALL** of the following:

- SMEA Scholarship Application (complete and full information **MUST BE PROVIDED** when submitted).
- Students must carry a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Current official transcript must be provided. (Unofficial transcript will be accepted for the application but if you are awarded a scholarship you must submit an ***official transcript*** before your scholarship award will be sent).
- Students must be currently enrolled in college courses and provide proof of enrollment to receive their award.
- Current letter of recommendation by an instructor, advisor, employer, etc.
- An essay: two pages (maximum) double-spaced, 12-point font. See topics inside application.
- **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Completed application must be post-marked no later than Friday, January 31, 2020

Mail Completed Application to:

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