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Merrimack Valley Credit Union Offering \$10,000 in Scholarships to High School Seniors

Applications are due in three weeks on February 28

Lawrence, Mass. (February 7, 2019) – Graduating seniors in the Merrimack Valley looking for financial support as they prepare for college have three weeks to apply for one of nine scholarships from Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU). Eight scholarship recipients will be awarded \$1,000, and one recipient will be awarded \$2,000. Scholarship applications are due by February 28, 2019.

"Our annual scholarship program is just one way that we give back to those in our community," said John Howard, President and CEO of Merrimack Valley Credit Union. "We will select nine local seniors who have thrived in their high school careers and are pursuing college to advance their education, either close to home or across the country. Upon graduation, we hope they choose to put down roots in the Merrimack Valley to help the community grow."

To be eligible, students must be a graduating senior of a public, private, religious, or technical high school located in the Merrimack Valley. He or she must also have plans to enroll full-time (at least 12 credits or its equivalent) in a certificate, associate's, or bachelor's program at an accredited college in the United States in the fall of 2019. Applicants do not need to be current MVCU members.

For the purposes of this program, the Merrimack Valley includes: Andover, Amesbury, Boxford, Dracut, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Merrimac, Methuen, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Rowley, Salisbury, Tewksbury and West Newbury, MA and Atkinson, Brentwood,

Chester, Danville, East Kingston, Exeter, Fremont, Hampstead, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Kensington, Londonderry, Newton, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown, Seabrook, South Hampton and Windham, NH.

Students can download the application and additional instructions from <u>www.mvcu.com/scholarship</u>. To be considered, students must send their completed applications, including their essays about the best lessons they've learned about money, transcripts and letters of recommendation from teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, scout or religious leaders to: Marketing Department, Merrimack Valley Credit Union, 500 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843 no later than February 28, 2019.

For more information about Merrimack Valley Credit Union's scholarship program, visit https://www.mvcu.com/scholarship.

About Merrimack Valley Credit Union

Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) is a state-chartered community credit union with \$1 billion in assets. MVCU serves anyone who lives, works, volunteers, or attends school in the Merrimack Valley region or Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk or Plymouth counties. MVCU offers a wide range of savings and loan products to meet the financial needs of its members, and has 10 branch locations in Bridgewater, Fairhaven, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover, Plymouth, and Quincy Mass., and Plaistow and Seabrook, N.H.

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