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## **Merrimack Valley Credit Union Announces 2018 Scholarship Program**

### ***Credit Union invites high school seniors to apply for six scholarships***

LAWRENCE, MASS. — Merrimack Valley Credit Union (MVCU) is announcing the kick-off of its 2018 Scholarship Program. This spring, the Lawrence-based credit union will be awarding six \$1,500 college scholarships to graduating high school students within the Merrimack Valley.

“It is becoming increasingly difficult to find a good paying job without a college education,” said Peter Matthews, MVCU’s President and CEO. “The cost of sending a child to college can be cost prohibitive for many working families. We are committed to relieving even a small part of that burden for six students who attend high school in this region.”

Eligible students must attend a public high school or private religious high school located within the towns that make up Merrimack Valley Credit Union’s field of membership. Homeschooled students who live in these towns are also encouraged to apply.

To apply, students can download the application at [www.mvcu.com/scholarship](http://www.mvcu.com/scholarship). Applications must be submitted with a completed essay, high school transcript, and one letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be written by a teacher, guidance counselor, scout leader, religious leader, coach or other non-related adult who has worked with the applicant. The deadline for submission is February 28, 2018.

In addition to this annual scholarship program, Merrimack Valley Credit Union also offers a Smart Student Package with a free checking account. Student Loan financing seminars for college-bound individuals and parents are held in the spring and fall.

### ***About Merrimack Valley Credit Union***

Merrimack Valley Credit Union is a \$600 million asset not-for-profit community credit union serving anyone who lives, works or worships in the Merrimack Valley region. MVCU offers a wide range of services to meet the financial needs of its members, and has branch locations in Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover, Mass., and Plaistow and Seabrook, N.H. To learn more about Merrimack

Valley Credit Union, please visit [www.mvcu.com](http://www.mvcu.com).

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