



# Edward Sletton Cooperative Leadership Scholarship 2017 Scholarship Application for High School Students

The Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation scholarship is available to Minnesota residents who are seniors graduating from high school, interested in careers relating to cooperatives and are pursuing higher education at a two or four year institution. The award is based on scholastic achievement, leadership, and an ability to contribute to co-ops in the future. \$500 will be awarded to a winning applicant.			
Name: Last	First, Middle	Telephone Number (     )	
Street Address/P.O. Box	City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address			Fax Number (     )
Hometown Newspaper Name:	Phone:	Fax:	E-mail:
College Attending	City	State	Zip Code
Current GPA/Class Rank			
Are you or your immediate family a member of a co-op? Indicate all that apply. If so, which cooperative(s)?			
Yes, I am    Yes, my immediate family    No, I/we are not			

**Your application must include:**

- This completed application form. ***Your application must be typed, not handwritten.***
- Your current school transcripts.
- Two completed recommendation forms from current or former employers, school officials, professors, mentors, etc.
- Should you choose to submit your application using the video essay option (Option #2), your transcripts and two completed recommendation forms are also required to be considered a complete application.

***Please note: Your application will not be considered complete unless all the above materials are received. Should you be awarded the scholarship, you will be asked to provide a one paragraph biography about yourself, as well as a photo for a press release.***

Applications are due on **May 1, 2017** to [charlene.vrieze@cooperativenetwork.coop](mailto:charlene.vrieze@cooperativenetwork.coop) or:

Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation  
145 University Ave. W., Ste. 450  
St. Paul, MN 55103-2044  
[www.mcef.coop](http://www.mcef.coop)

***Questions or concerns? Please contact Charlene Vrieze at 651-209-8895 or [charlene.vrieze@cooperativenetwork.coop](mailto:charlene.vrieze@cooperativenetwork.coop).***

How will this scholarship help you?

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**ACTIVITIES**

*Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

Describe any co-op-related and leadership programs, activities or projects you have been involved in.

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In your opinion, why are cooperatives important to our communities? What role do you see cooperatives taking in the future in Minnesota?

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What are your career goals upon graduation, and how do they relate to co-ops? Please explain why you are pursuing a career that will involve co-ops.

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## **VIDEO ESSAY (Option #2)**

We are excited to offer scholarship applicants the opportunity to move outside of the traditional essay format. If you would prefer, you can answer the essay questions from option one above in a video format and submit the video in digital format with the application. You should burn the completed video onto a DVD or CD. The project can answer the questions as creatively as you choose, but please make sure each of the questions is touched on during the short video. The strongest videos will (1) explain your relationship with co-ops, (2) educate viewers on why co-ops are important to your community and the state, and (3) do all this without you simply standing in front of a camera and speaking your answers. Note: Once submitted, videos become property of Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation and Cooperative Network and may be uploaded onto the organizations' websites and/or social media.

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## **APPLICATION SIGNATURE AND CONSENT**

*To the best of my knowledge, the material contained in this application is true and complete.*

*If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I give my consent to the Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation and Cooperative Network to disclose my name for use in press releases and other communications promoting the Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation.*

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Signature

Date



# Edward Slettom Cooperative Leadership Scholarship 2017 Recommendation Form

**NOTE TO STUDENT:** Please have two people complete separate copies of this evaluation form. These references must not be relatives, but need not be school officials.

**NOTE TO EVALUATOR:** We would appreciate your observations and opinions about the applicant in the following areas. Your evaluation will be given considerable attention by the selection committee. Please be as specific and objective as possible. Include specific examples when possible. *This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner.*

**Evaluator Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organization** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cooperation:** Consider willingness and ability to work with people in various capacities.

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**Leadership:** Consider ability to motivate a group of people in a desired direction. Please comment on the individual's leadership traits.

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**Career Potential Strengths/Weaknesses:** Consider the applicant's potential in terms of his/her career goals, contribution to the workplace. If the applicant has developed any expertise in the area of cooperative businesses, please comment on that specific experience.

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**Additional Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Reference:

Date: