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Money Smart - Southwest Wisconsin

**2019 Scholarship Application
Deadline: April 6, 2019**

In support of **Wisconsin's Money Smart Week (March 30-April 06, 2019)**, the Money Smart Week Southwest Wisconsin Committee and its partner organizations are sponsoring the Money Smart 2019 Scholarship Contest. Graduating high school seniors are encouraged to answer this year's Money Smart Question (see below) with an essay of up to 500 words. **Three students will be named this year's Money Smart Scholarship winners and receive a \$1,000 Edvest gift card.**

THE 2019 QUESTION IS:

In 2018, the average debt for a Wisconsin student graduating with a bachelor's degree was approximately \$30,000. About two-thirds of students take out loans.

- Estimate the total cost of your education (room, board, tuition, etc.) and explain how you plan to pay for it.
- Discuss how the cost of your schooling compares to the potential salary you may earn in your chosen field.
- Realizing that you will likely have some degree of debt when you graduate, how do you plan to keep it at a minimum?

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Candidates Must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Have knowledge of money management skills (decision making related to spending and saving, investing, use of credit, etc.) appropriate for their age and grade level.
- Live in one of the following

Wisconsin counties: Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette or Rock.

- Award recipient only will be contacted by April 22, 2019.
- Winner names will be shared with their high schools for possible announcement at school Award Ceremonies.

To Apply:

- Students must write an essay of up to 500 words on the assigned topic.
- Essays must be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced. The Money Smart Scholarship application must be attached to the essay.
- The essay must be the work of the student submitting the essay.
- The application form must be signed by the student and a parent/guardian.
- The essay and application should be mailed or emailed as a PDF or scanned attachment to:

Money Smart- Southwest Wisconsin Scholarship

**Cheryl Rapp, College Affordability Specialist
Wisconsin Department Financial Institutions**

4822 Madison Yards Way Madison, WI 53705
email:

WICoalitionStudentDebt@gmail.com

All essays become the property of the WI Coalition on Student Debt and may be used by members to promote financial literacy.

All submissions must be received by April 6, 2019.

Go to <https://swwisconsinmoneysmart.weebly.com/>
to download the application.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - *(Please print when completing information below)*

STUDENT NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ COUNTY: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL (WILL BE USED TO CONTACT WINNER): _____

COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN FALL 2019: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED AT THIS COLLEGE?: Yes No HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?: Yes No

ARE YOU A FIRST GENERATION STUDENT?: Yes No

I, _____, vouch that the attached essay is

(PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME - *please print*)

fully and solely the work of my child, _____.

(STUDENT NAME - *please print*)

And I give permission for him/her to participate in the activities of Money Smart Week 2019, including consent to release photos and personal information for the media and promotional purposes.

(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

(STUDENT SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

Fill out this form, including all information requested, then sign the form as indicated, attach it to the front of your essay and mail all to the address on the front of this form.

See <https://swwisconsinmoneysmart.weebly.com/> or www.moneysmartweek.org for more info.