

MONEY SMART WEEK®



Money Smart Teen 2018

Sycamore High School *Money Smart Teen Scholarship*

In support of Money Smart Week® for DeKalb, LaSalle and Lee Counties, First Midwest Bank is sponsoring the Money Smart Teen Scholarship for Sycamore High School. Senior High School students are encouraged to answer this year's Money Smart Question (see below) with an essay.

Scholarship prize: \$500

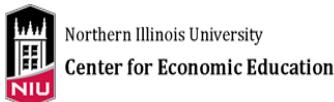
A representative from First Midwest Bank will present the awards to the winner at their respective school and at the Money Smart Week Kick-Off Event on April 20 at 9:00 AM at the DeKalb County Community Foundation located in Sycamore.

2018 Money Smart Teen Essay Question

Please write a 2-page essay, double-spaced, explaining how to make an informed financial decision about which school to attend for your post-secondary plans (college or trade school). Share information you have collected and sources, your plan and necessary costs, your budget for living expenses in addition to your coursework and books, and how you will pay for the expenses. Be sure to include tips and resources for others who are college bound. A budget (page 3) should be included in addition to the 2-page essay.

Timeline

April 11, 2018	Essay Submission Deadline by 3:30 pm to the Guidance Office
April 19, 2018	Winners Notified
April 20, 2018	Winner presentation from 8:45-9:00 am at the Money Smart Kick-Off Event at the DeKalb County Community Foundation
May 24, 2018	Winner presentation at SHS Senior Awards Night



Guidelines

Candidates Must:

- Be a Senior High School Student with a minimum "C" average grade point
- 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
- Be able to respond to questions from business leaders and media
- Be articulate – able to speak in front of large groups
- Live in Sycamore

To Apply

1. Student must write an essay (2-pages) on the assigned topic and include a budget in addition to the 2-page essay.
2. Essays must be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced using a 10 pt. Arial font. The Money Smart Teen Scholarship Application Form must be attached to the essay pages.
3. The essay must be the work of the student submitting the essay and free from spelling grammatical errors.
4. The application form must be signed by a parent/guardian and student.
5. The essay and application should be turned into your school guidance office.
Address questions to:
tamara@kishwaukeeunitedway.com or by calling 815-756-7522.

All essays become the property of the Money Smart Committee and may be used to promote financial literacy.

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Fill out this form, making sure to include all information requested, sign the form as indicated, and attach it to the front of the essay. For more information, contact Tamara Newquist, Kishwaukee United Way, (815)756-7522 or tamara@kishwaukeeunitedway.com

Application

Student Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Guidance Counselor _____ Phone _____ Email _____
(not required for home-schooled children)

Parent/Guardian _____ Email _____
(If Applicable)

I give permission for him/her to participate in the activities of Money Smart Week 2018, including consent to release photos, multi-media images, and personal information for promotional and media purposes.

(Parent/Guardian Signature) _____ (Date)

I vouch that the attached essay is fully the work of _____
(Student Name)

(Student Signature) _____ (Date)