

OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives 

Scholarship Instructions

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1. Open the application file using Adobe Reader, and save it.
2. Complete the first two pages using Adobe Reader.
3. Save the file again, then print all pages.
4. Compose an 100-300 word essay on how one of the seven cooperative principles impacted your life. The seven cooperative principles include the following: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; concern for community. Make sure you state in your essay which principle you are writing about.

Scholarship Rules

PURPOSE:

Take the application to a teacher **and** your guidance counselor to complete the faculty portion. It is preferred those sections are typewritten; however, they may be handwritten if necessary.

Applications and letters of recommendation must be received by Midwest Electric Inc. by Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Applicants will receive additional information in the mail after this date. Scholarship interviews will be held on DATE.

In order to carry on an educational and training program that encourages Ohio's rural youth to further their education and gives them an opportunity to become more aware of careers in the rural electric program, the following scholarship awards program is offered by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (OEC).

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The local cash scholarship awards are as follows:

DIVISION I – BOYS	DIVISION II – GIRLS
First place	\$2,000
Second place	\$1,500
Third place	\$1,000

One finalist winner of this scholarship will advance to the statewide level and **must be available to interview on April 15, 2020 in Columbus, OH.** Statewide finalists will compete for additional scholarships that will be awarded at the statewide level.

The **statewide** cash scholarship awards are as follows:

Place	Prize	Honorable Mention Prizes	
First place	\$ 3,800	11 th	\$ 1,400
Second place	\$ 2,800	12 th	\$ 1,400
Third place	\$ 2,300	13 th	\$ 1,400
Fourth place	\$ 2,200	14 th	\$ 1,400
Fifth place	\$ 2,100	15 th	\$ 1,400
Sixth place	\$ 2,000	16 th	\$ 1,400
Seventh place	\$ 1,900	17 th	\$ 1,400
Eighth place	\$ 1,800	18 th	\$ 1,400
Ninth place	\$ 1,700	19 th	\$ 1,400
Tenth place	\$ 1,600	20 th	\$ 1,400
		21 st	\$ 1,400
		22 nd	\$ 1,400
		23 rd	\$ 1,400
		24 th	\$ 1,400

RULES:

To be eligible for the OEC scholarships, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from the local cooperatives:

1. Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a permanent residential electric cooperative member receiving service for the duration of the 2019-2020 academic year (August 2019 - June 2020). Children/wards of electric distribution cooperative commercial members are not eligible unless their parents are also permanent residential electric cooperative members.
2. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. A “proper vocational or technical school” is defined as a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to a state accredited four-year college.
3. Applicants in both divisions must have a cumulative grade point average of **3.5** or above on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
Winners must be accepted and then enrolled in an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school of students’ choice when they receive the award. Winners who are accepted and then enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, working toward a degree, are also eligible.
4. Students may not be immediate family members of, or reside with, people who are employed by **any** electric cooperative in Ohio (employees, trustees, managers, OEC, **or** affiliated organizations such as Buckeye Power, Inc., RESCO, etc.).
5. Applications must be submitted (typed to be accepted) on forms furnished by and submitted to **Midwest Electric Inc.** Cooperatives will choose one finalist to advance the state level. Applicants who have not submitted applications to their local cooperative by its deadline will not be eligible to compete at the state level.
6. Application information must be confined to the official nomination form with only grade transcripts, teacher recommendations, and a recent photo attached. Teacher recommendations must be no longer than 500 words.

7. Applicants who receive “full-ride” scholarships (i.e., scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, room, board and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from OEC. Applicants who win an OEC scholarship and subsequently receive a full-ride scholarship following the Children of Members scholarship competition, must contact OEC immediately to forfeit this scholarship.
8. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OEC. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the president of OEC. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
9. Finalists are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (e.g., electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
10. Finalists who have won other scholarships from OEC or affiliated organizations in other scholarship competitions (**not** including local co-ops) are not eligible to compete this competition.
11. These rules (dated hereon) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

JUDGING:

The judges, following personal interviews with each nominee, will score up to a maximum of 40 points for scholastic record, 30 points for personal achievement, school and community activities, 15 points for personal interview with the judges relating to poise, personality and appearance, and 15 points for cooperative knowledge.

Cooperative knowledge questions will be based on the Online Orientation course located at www.ohioec.org/orientation. Students are recommended to complete this course prior to judging. The course takes approximately one hour to complete.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS CRITERIA:

All co-op applications advanced to OEC must meet the OEC criteria.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

Midwest Electric Inc.

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St. Marys, OH 45885-9762

Attn: Scholarship Coordinator