

Rural Electric Cooperative's 2018 Scholarship Program

Deadline Monday, February 12, 2018

Purpose

1. To provide assistance to high school seniors to further their education.
2. To promote understanding, support, acceptance and involvement in the Cooperative.
3. To instill high morals, leadership, self-esteem and confidence so these individuals will be the type of citizens to lead our communities and country in the future.

REC will award scholarships to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are selected by the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for individuals pursuing as full-time students at a four-year university or college academic degree program, a two-year associate degree or technical institute certificate program. All scholarship amounts will be equally divided between semesters.

REC will award the following scholarships:

2 - \$1,500 Scholarships
8 - \$1,000 Scholarships

Scholarships can only be used for tuition, books and room and board.

Eligibility Requirements

Each applicant must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for scholarships under this program.

- Student must currently be attending a school in Rural Electric Cooperative's service area.
- The applicant's parents or legal guardian must be a member of Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay, Oklahoma and receiving electric service.
- The applicant must be a current graduating high school senior with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 at the time the person applies for the scholarship. Calculation of the grade point will be a weighted average based on a 4-point system.
- Applicants must meet the academic and any other requirements for entrance into the accredited school of their choice.

- Applicants applying for scholarships to an accredited college or university must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or their equivalent per semester.
- The applicant must complete an application for scholarship.
- Applicants selected to service schools, such as West Point, Air Force Academy, etc., or are given tuition-free assistance will be ineligible for the REC scholarship program.

NOTE: Family members (as defined in REC's Bylaws and Policies is a person who, by blood or in-law, including half, foster, step and adoptive kin is either a spouse, child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, nephew or niece of the principle) of REC Trustees and employees are not eligible to participate in the scholarship competition.

Application

The completed Application for Scholarship must reach the REC Headquarters, P.O. Box 609, Lindsay, Oklahoma, 73052 no later than **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**. A fillable .pdf application is available on REC's website at www.recok.coop.

The Application Shall Contain the following:

- Application for the REC Scholarship.
- High school transcript reflecting overall grade point average. The transcript must be signed by the principal of your school.
- ACT test results.
- At least two letters of recommendation. (At least one letter must be from a reference not employed by your local school district)
- A typed essay on a separate sheet of paper (not to exceed one page) describing how REC is enhancing the quality of life for its members
- A letter from the applicant with specific facts as to their desire to continue their education and their anticipated profession or occupation.
- Include current photo.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients

A Scholarship Committee consisting of the President of the REC Board of Trustees and two Trustees will consider each applicant on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scholastic achievement

- Knowledge of a Cooperative and REC
- Citizenship (Community service and participation)
- Leadership

Finalists will be Interview by REC's Scholarship Committee.

Alternate Recipients

The Scholarship Committee shall also designate alternates if the winners refuse or become ineligible before the initial payment has been made.

General

- Scholarship winners will be recognized at a dinner hosted by REC.
- Payment will be made when the scholarship winner has fulfilled eligibility requirements and enrollment has been verified. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the school through the registrar's office.
- Refund of a payment will become due to REC should the recipient fail to enter school as enrolled, fail to complete the semester, or withdraw from the school when eligible for the scholarship award.
- All scholarship amounts will be equally divided between semesters.
- The second semester payment will be made when the winner continues to meet the eligibility requirements listed below:
 1. Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 based on a 4-point system.
 2. Be enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours.

Termination or Change

The REC Scholarship Program may be terminated, suspended or changed by a directive of the Board of Trustees.

For additional information, contact our office at: 1-800-259-3504 or 405-756-3104 ext. 238 or e-mail at [**barbarar@recok.coop**](mailto:barbarar@recok.coop).

Meets Eligibility Requirements (for office use)

Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All application documents are due by Monday, February 12, 2018. To be considered for any of the Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. scholarship awards, your application packet must include all documents requested.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

Applicant's Name: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ **Class Rank:** _____ **Age:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ **Work Phone Number:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Marital Status:** ___ Married ___ Single

Name of High School: _____

Years Attended School(s) In Oklahoma: _____

Name of Parents or Guardians: _____

REC Account Number: _____

Occupation of Father or Male Guardian: _____

Occupation of Mother or Female Guardian: _____

Planned Major Area of Study in College: _____

Desired Career Choice: _____

High School Activities (Involvement in organizations and clubs, offices held, etc.):

Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Activities Outside of School:

Honors, Awards and Other Scholarships:

Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Name and Address of College or Trade School you will attend:

ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

Application for REC Scholarship

High school transcript reflecting overall grade point average. The transcript must be signed by the principal of your school

ACT test results

At least two letters of recommendation (At least one letter must be from a reference not employed by your school district)

A typed essay on a separate sheet of paper (not to exceed one page) describing *how REC is enhancing the quality of life for its members*

A letter from the applicant with specific facts as to their desire to continue their education and their anticipated profession or occupation

Include a current photo

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a scholarship, I consent to the release of personal information for the purpose of news release(s) or promotion of REC and its scholarship program. This may include publications and posting to our website and/or Facebook page.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

A fillable .pdf version is available on REC's website at www.recok.coop. Questions may be directed to the Member Services and Marketing Department of Rural Electric Cooperative in Lindsay, by calling 405-756-3104 ext. 238.