

OEC Trade School Scholarship – 2025

Purpose: Support electric cooperative members and their dependents in pursuing Trade School certificates.

Advertising/Applications: Advertised in *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine every March and April. Applications available online from March 1 – April 30.

Scholarships: Up to \$2,000.

Eligibility and Rules:

1. Applicants can be high school graduates, current Trade School enrollees, or post-undergraduate students. Must attend an accredited program.
2. Must be permanent residential members of an Ohio electric distribution cooperative or their dependents.
3. Employees of Ohio electric distribution cooperatives and their dependents **are** eligible.
4. Commercial members and their dependents are not eligible unless they are also residential members.
5. Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.
6. Full-ride scholarship recipients are not eligible.
7. Previous winners of OEC statewide scholarships (**excluding local co-ops**) are not eligible.
8. Scholarships must be accepted within the first academic year after proof of enrollment. Extensions may be granted for just cause.
9. Application must include high school transcripts, proof of enrollment, essays, and one 500-word recommendation letter.
10. Two essays required: one on educational and career goals, and one on cooperative knowledge. Essays must be completed without assistance.
11. Apply online: Scholarship Application. Deadline: April 30.
12. Accepted proofs of enrollment: official course schedule or program transcript.

Judging: Based on scholastic record, essays, and recommendation letter

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship competition, please contact oeeyouth@ohioec.org.

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