

Louise Freeland Children of Employees/Trustees Scholarship Purpose and Rules 2024

Applications must be received by OEC by February 1.

PURPOSE:

To help children of employees or trustees further their education and give them an opportunity to develop promising careers, the following scholarship awards program is offered by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC).

SCHOLARSHIP:

Four scholarships of \$3,000 each will be awarded to first place winners; and four scholarships of \$1,200 each will be awarded to second place winners.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following provisions govern the eligibility of applicants for this scholarship:

1. Cooperative knowledge questions will be based on the Online Orientation course located at <https://www.ohioec.org/freelandolsa>. Applicants are recommended to complete this course prior to judging. The course takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.
2. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college **or** proper* technical school entrance.
3. Applicants must be children, legal wards, or residents in the household of Ohio rural electric distribution cooperative trustees or employees, or of employees of OEC / affiliated organizations.
4. Applicants must have a current career average of “**B**” or better.
5. Application information must be confined to the online application. Three attachments are required: School transcripts, one 500-word letter of recommendation from a teacher, and one publication-quality photograph.
6. Applicants will come to Columbus for personal interviews with independent judges. The interviews will be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**. OEC will set the appointment times and notify the applicants by mail.
7. Applicants who have received “full ride” scholarships (tuition, room, board, *and* books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from OEC.

8. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment in an accredited college or proper* technical school of the applicant's choice 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 winners are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
9. Applicants are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).

* Proper technical school means one beyond high school where credits can be transferred to a state-accredited four-year college.

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.

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APPLICATION PROCESS:

The online application is located at: <https://forms.gle/Rc1teF1grfWY119D7>