

Scholarship Instructions

PURPOSE:

To help children of local cooperative employees further their education and give them an opportunity to develop promising careers, the following scholarship awards program is offered by Ohio Line Supervisors Association (OLSA).

SCHOLARSHIP:

One scholarship of \$2,000, one of \$1,500 and one of \$1,000 will be awarded. Online applications must be completed by February 1, 2024.

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 a son, daughter, legal ward or resident in the household of an Ohio or West Virginia Rural Electric distribution cooperative **employee**.
- 3. Children of electric co-op trustees, OEC staff, and affiliated organizations' staff do not qualify.
- 4. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all base credits for college or proper* technical school entrance, **or** students who have already graduated but have not attended post-secondary school.
- 5. Applicants must have a GPA average of "C+" (2.5 pt.) or better.
- 6. 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.
- 7. OLSA scholarship judges will select up to 10 finalists who will be invited to Columbus for personal interviews. Finalists will be notified of the interview date, which will be coordinated by OEC.
- 8. Applicants who have received full scholarships (tuition, room, board and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from OLSA.
- 9. Applicants who win scholarships from OEC or affiliated organizations in other scholarship competitions are not eligible to win in this competition.

- 10. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OLSA. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the president of OLSA. In the event winners are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligations under this program, their awards will be forfeited.
- 11. 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