

# OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives 

## OEC Technical Scholarship

### PURPOSE:

To help cooperative members or children of cooperative members pursue technical training, the following scholarship awards program is offered by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC).

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Applicants will be eligible to win up to a \$2,000 scholarship.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The following provisions govern the eligibility of applicants for the OEC Technical Scholarship:

1. Applicants **must be residential members of an Ohio electric cooperative, or dependent children, or legal wards of permanent residential electric cooperative members receiving electric service at the time of application.** Children/wards of electric distribution cooperative commercial members are not eligible, unless their parents are also permanent residential electric cooperative members.
2. Applicants may be high school graduates enrolling in a technical program; current technical school enrollees; or students enrolling in a post-undergraduate technical program. Applicants must plan to attend or currently attend an accredited technical school program.
3. Applicants must have cumulative grade point averages of **2.5** or above on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent standing on nontraditional scales. High school GPAs shall be used for applicants who have not yet begun a program, while technical school GPAs shall be used for applicants currently enrolled in programs.
4. Applications for OEC's competition must be typed and submitted on forms furnished by OEC. **Scholarship applications must be received by OEC by the last day in April each year.**
5. Application information must be confined to the official nomination form. The only attachments permitted are high school transcripts, proof of enrollment\*in a program, typed essay responses, and one 500-word letter of recommendation from an instructor.
6. Essays: Applicants are required to complete two brief essays (250-word max each) (A) detailing their educational and career goals; and (B) discussing cooperative knowledge per the online orientation. Applicants must complete the essays without outside assistance. Applicants shall refer to the [www.ohioec.org/orientation](http://www.ohioec.org/orientation) to complete the cooperative knowledge essay.
7. Applicants who have received "full-ride" scholarships (tuition, room, board, and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for OEC scholarships.

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8. Applicants who have won other scholarships from OEC or affiliated organizations in other scholarship competitions (not including the local co-op) are not eligible to win this competition.
9. Applicants whose immediate family members are (or reside in the households of) trustees, managers, distribution cooperative employees, OEC or affiliated organizations' (Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Buckeye Power, RESCO, etc.) employees are not eligible.
10. 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 applicants are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, awards are forfeited.
11. \*Accepted proofs of enrollment include: a copy of a tuition bill, an official course schedule, or an official program transcript.

### **JUDGING:**

All qualified applicants will be judged by the following criteria: a maximum of 30 points for scholastic record (academic criteria should include GPA and quality of academic classes); a maximum of 30 points for personal achievement, school, and community activities; and a maximum of 40 points for the written essays. Judges may give priority to fields of study deemed more relevant to electric cooperatives.

The online orientation course is located at [www.ohioec.org/orientation](http://www.ohioec.org/orientation). It is recommended that applicants complete the one-hour course prior to completing the essays.

### **EMAIL OR MAIL THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**

**Mail the application and attachments to:**

**Scholarship Coordinator**

**Ohio's Electric Cooperatives**

**6677 Busch Blvd.**

**Columbus, OH 43229**