Shelby Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Information: Three $2,000 scholarships will be awarded to eligible high school seniors. Scholarships are for one year and are not renewable.

Applicants must:

- Be a 2026 - 2027 graduating high school senior
- Be the son or daughter of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) member receiving electric service
- Plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year U.S. college, university, or vocational/technical school
- Begin undergraduate studies within one year of notification
- Attend full time with at least 12 credit hours

Our service territory is home to 15 high schools, and we are excited to offer this scholarship opportunity to students throughout our area. To help give students from different schools the opportunity to receive a scholarship, only one student from each high school may be selected as a scholarship recipient.

What are we looking for?

Scholarships are based on several parts of your application, including: academics, school & community involvement, character, financial need, and essays.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Application deadline: Wednesday, March 3, 2027
Winners notified: May 2027
Recipients will be invited to attend SEC's Annual Meeting of Members to receive their scholarship certificate.
Proof of enrollment must be provided before the scholarship is awarded.

Mail completed scholarships to:
Shelby Electric Cooperative
Attn: SEC Scholarship Program
PO Box 560
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Email completed scholarships to:
Scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop

For more information, visit our website!

Questions?
Faith Wheeler | 217-774-3986 | fwheeler@shelbyelectric.coop

Please do not submit additional materials. Letters of recommendation, acceptance letters, and other materials not requested will not be considered.

SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/WORK/VOLUNTEER LIST:

Please attach a list including the following, if applicable:

- Participation in school activities. Include activity name, number of years of participation, and any positions held.
- Participation in community activities. Include activity name, number of years of participation, and any positions held.
- Work experience. Include positions held and for what period of time.
- Volunteer experience. Include any volunteer activities you have participated in, number of years, and any responsibilities for the activity.

ESSAY

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT: Write a brief biological statement in 250 words or less that includes your educational goals and how a college education will help achieve those goals, need for financial assistance, future plans following your education, and other pertinent information about yourself that you feel is noteworthy.

KNOWLEDGE OF ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES: Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of seven core principles and values. They are as follows:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperative Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

Choose one of the seven core principles and explain in 500 words or less how that principle is portrayed in cooperatives and why you feel it is important.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

"We have examined this application, including accompanying submissions, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete."

Signature/Date: _____
(Applicant)

Signature/Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Address:

City/State/Zip code:

Phone: Date of Birth

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Shelby Electric Account Number:

High School:

School Mailing Address:

High School Grade Point Average (100 pt scale):

(e.g. if your school uses a 4 pt scale, multiply your GPA by 25, if 5 pt scale, multiply GPA by 20)

Most Recent SAT and/or ACT score (circle one):

Have you applied for entrance to a college or university? (please check): ☐ YES ☐ NO

If so, identify those applied to and mark with and asterisk(*) those which you have been accepted:

1st Choice School:

2nd Choice School:

Anticipated Major or Field of Study:

Have you received any other scholarships or grants to date? (please check): ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please list: