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2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Information: One $1,000 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 ShelbyFiber customer receiving fiber internet 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

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
The winner will be notified: May 2027
The recipient will be invited to attend Shelby Electric Cooperative'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:
ShelbyFiber
Attn: SEC Scholarship Program
PO Box 560
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Email completed scholarships to:
Scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop

For more information, visit our website!

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

Statememt 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."

Applicant Signature/Date: _____
Parents Signature/Date:_____

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

Essay

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

Essay Question: Fiber internet is more than a connection to the internet--it is a connection to opportunity. How can reliable high-speed internet help rural communities grow, and what impact could that connection have on the future of students, families, and local businesses? *500 word or less*

Personal Information

Full Name :

Address:

City/State/Zip code: **Phone:**

ShelbyFiber Account Number: **Date of Birth**

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

High School:

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: