



Shelby Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

2024-2025 Scholarship Program Guidelines & Official Rules

Objective: To provide financial assistance to eligible cooperative youth to help further their education

PROGRAM OUTLINE: Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) will award three \$1,000 scholarships to eligible applicants. Scholarships are readily available for one year and are not renewable. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic and community involvement, as well as financial need as demonstrated in the application and essay. All applicants for scholarships shall be considered on the listed criteria without regard to race, age, color, religion, gender, national origin, or existence of a physical handicap.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Eligible youth are sons or daughters of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative member who is receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted
- Eligible youth must be a high school senior graduating during the 2024-2025 academic year
- Eligible youth must go on to further their educational experience at an accredited four-year or two-year college or university in the United States, including vocational/technical schools
- Eligible winners must begin undergraduate studies within one year of notification that they have won the scholarship
- Eligible winners must enroll as "full time" students and maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received by the end of business on March 5, 2025.

Applications may be received via mail at Shelby Electric Cooperative, Attn: SEC Scholarship Program, PO Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565 or via email at scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop. *Please make sure applications are completely filled out before submitting.*

NOTIFICATION: Scholarship winners will be notified in May and will be requested to attend Shelby Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting of Members on June 6, 2025 to be recognized.

CONDITIONS: Winners must provide proof of enrollment to Faith Wheeler, Member Services Specialist, at fwheeler@shelbyelectric.coop before the scholarship is awarded.

NOTE: Please DO NOT submit additional materials other than those requested per the application. Additional materials including but not limited to letters of recommendation and school acceptance letters are not part of the judging process and will be discarded.



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DATE

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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 an 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:



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SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/WORK/VOLUNTEER LIST:

Please attach a list including the following, if applicable:

Participation in school activities:

- activity name
- number of years of membership
- any positions held

Participation in community activities:

- activity name
- number of years of membership
- any positions held

Work experience:

- positions held
- for what period of time

Volunteer experience:

- any volunteer activities you have participated in
- number of years
- any additional responsibilities for the activity

ESSAY

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT: Write a brief biographical statement in 250 words or less that includes your educational goals, 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. Cooperation 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)