

2010 Scholarship Application

Purpose: To encourage and assist in the educational pursuits of the members and families of Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Permissible Use of Funds:

Payment of tuition, enrollment fees, books, supplies and/or equipment required for courses of instruction at an accredited four-year university/college, junior college, or TEA-approved trade school that offers an associate degree.

Eligibility for Scholarship:

- ◆ Bandera Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BEC) will accept and consider scholarship applications from active members of the cooperative and their immediate families whose primary residence is served by the cooperative.
- ◆ **Graduating high school seniors** must have maintained a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale. Your high school counselor must verify the accuracy of the stated GPA by signature and date.
- ◆ **Applicants must meet** general admittance requirements of the accredited four-year university/college, junior college or TEA-approved trade school to which they apply to receive funds.
- ◆ **Students currently enrolled in post-secondary educational course work** must have maintained a minimum cumulative 2.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale at an accredited four-year university/college, junior college, or TEA-approved trade school. The applicant is required to submit proof of enrollment and grades from previous semester to verify eligibility.
- ◆ **Applicants must** enroll as a full-time student (12 semester-hours minimum).

Selection of Recipients and Disbursement of Funds:

- ◆ Recipients of the scholarships will be chosen based on three criteria: **financial necessity (30 percent), a written essay (30 percent), and past participation in community and school activities (40 percent).**
- ◆ The topic of the essay will be “How will this scholarship assist me with my education?”
- ◆ The total scholarship award will be \$1,000 and will be disbursed over two (2) semesters. Recipients must provide to BEC a copy of your fee receipt and class schedule. At that time, BEC will pay \$500 in your name directly to the Financial Aid or Business Office of the accredited institution.
- ◆ The recipient is required to submit proof of enrollment for the second semester and sustained 2.00 GPA from their first semester to qualify for remaining \$500, which will be paid in your name directly to the Financial Aid or Business Office of the accredited institution.
- ◆ If recipient's cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 during the first semester, or if the recipient fails to register as a full-time student for the following semester, recipient will be placed on probation for that semester and the remaining scholarship will be withheld until the following semester. If probationary issues are not corrected during the next semester, or if the recipient fails to enroll for any course work during the following semester, then the remaining scholarship funds allotted to that student will be revoked.

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Other:

- ◆ Applicants, including previous recipients, may reapply as often as possible.
- ◆ Applications will be submitted to the selection committee in an anonymous format and graded on the criteria mentioned above.
- ◆ Applications must be received in our office by 5pm on **March 31, 2010**.
- ◆ Those chosen to receive scholarships will be notified by mail.
- ◆ The Selection Committee may interview applicants selected as finalists.

Completed application, essay and any other necessary documents should be mailed to:

Bandera Electric Cooperative

Attn: Member Services

P.O. Box 667

Bandera, Texas 78003

For more information about the scholarship program, call the Member Services Department of Bandera Electric at 866-226-3372.

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Scholarship Program - Application Form (Please print or type)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Parents/Guardian Names: _____

BEC Member Number: _____

Part I – Academic Information

Name of School: _____

SAT/ACT Scores: _____

Cumulative GPA (based on 4.00 scale): _____

GPA Certification (Counselor Name, Signature & Date): _____

Attach copy of school certification

Indicate intended major: _____

College or University Plans: _____

Part II - Financial Information

Total Yearly Family Income (Parents and student, if still a dependent):

Proof of Income - Required (i.e. Copy of all W-2 forms or notarized statement)

- \$0 - 20,000
- \$20,000 - 40,000
- \$40,000 - 60,000
- \$60,000 - 80,000
- \$80,000 - 100,000
- over \$100,000

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List ages of all siblings living at home as well as siblings attending college, or TEA-approved school (Please No Names):

Example: Brother, 16, Main Street High School

Does applicant have a job now? Yes No

Does applicant plan to work while attending college? Yes No

Estimated cost of tuition, books, supplies and/or equipment per semester _____

Part III - Extracurricular & Community Activities

Attach the following:

- List of any school-related or community activities and any special honors you have received (Activities, Dates and Responsibilities)
- List of any academic awards you have received during your high school years and the date or year received
- Essay addressing the question, "How will this scholarship assist me with my education?"
- Two current letters of reference testifying to your talents, financial need and seriousness of purpose
- Photo that can be used for publicity if you are selected to receive the scholarship. The photo will not be returned.

In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must provide BEC with proof of enrollment from the accredited four-year university/college, junior college, or TEA-approved trade school of which I will be considered a full-time student.

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing BEC and its appointed Scholarship Review Committee.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Thank you for the time you have taken to fill out this application.
Applications are due in our office no later than March 31, 2010.**

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Keep this page for your records.

Please be sure to have your completed application in our office by March 31, 2010. All documents should be mailed to:

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Bandera, Texas 78003**

Check List

Make sure you have completed the entire application and that you have attached ALL the required documents.

- _____ Application from Website (pages 3 & 4)
- _____ Essay
- _____ List of Activities
- _____ List of Academic Awards
- _____ School Certification
- _____ W2
- _____ Picture
- _____ 2 letters of reference

Date submitted: _____