

2025 Children of Members Scholarship Rules

Midwest Electric's scholarships encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The cooperative awards the scholarships below to high school seniors attending four-year colleges after graduation. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and must be involved in school and community activities. The top applicants will participate in interviews with judges, and the winners will receive a scholarship from Midwest Electric.

Scholarship applicants must be high school seniors, the child or legal ward of a Midwest Electric member, and residents of a home receiving electric service from the cooperative. The application deadline is February 14, 2025. Applications must be at the cooperative's office by February 14 and not postmarked by this date.

2025 Children of Members Scholarship Amounts

First place boy, first place girl	\$1,500 each
Second place boy, second place girl	\$1,000 each
Third place boy, third place girl	\$750 each
Six Honorable Mention scholarships	\$500 each

Rules and regulations

- 1. Applicants must be a son, daughter, or legal ward of a Midwest Electric residential member living on the lines and receiving service during competition.
- Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. (A "proper vocational or technical school" is a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to a state-accredited fouryear college.)
- 3. Applicants must have a current career average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale or equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale. Winners must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college to claim their scholarship. Applicants who are accepted and then enrolled in an accredited school of nursing and working toward a degree are also eligible.
- 4. Applicants may not be immediate family members of, or reside with, people who are employed by any electric cooperative in Ohio (employees, trustees, managers, OEC, or affiliated organizations such as Buckeye Power, Inc., RESCO, Cardinal Operating Company, etc.).

- 5. Applications for the Midwest Electric competition must be submitted and typed to be accepted on the forms provided by Midwest Electric or downloaded from this page. Application forms must be returned to the co-op office by Friday, February 14, 2025. Application information must be confined to the official application. The only attachments permitted are transcripts, teacher recommendations, and one photo of the applicant. (Teacher recommendations must be no more than 500 words).
- 6. Applicants who have received "full-ride" scholarships (tuition, room, board, and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for Midwest Electric scholarships.
- 7. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after receiving proof of enrollment. However, an extension of one year may be granted for cause in the judgment of the president of OEC. If a student cannot fulfill his enrollment obligation under this program, the award is forfeited.
- 8. The top applicants will be selected based on GPA and community involvement and will participate in interviews with judges. Applications and interviews will be reviewed based on scholastic record, personal achievement, and school and community activities. During the interview, points will also be awarded for poise, personality, and appearance. Finalists cannot bring outside materials to their interviews (electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
- 9. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after judging. One winner will be chosen to represent Midwest Electric in the statewide scholarship competition at Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, where he or she will compete for additional scholarships. Eligibility requirements apply. Contact the cooperative for details.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship competition, please contact Midwest Electric at 419-394-4110.

Mail Completed Entries by February 14, 2025, to Midwest Electric, Inc., 06029 County Road 33A, St. Marys, OH 45885

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