

2025 Trade School or Technical College Scholarship Rules

Midwest Electric's scholarships encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The cooperative awards the Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship to a high school senior attending a technical college or trade school after graduation. Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or above and must plan to attend an accredited technical school program after graduation. Past scholarship recipients have completed programs to become diesel mechanics, for example. The top applicants will participate in interviews with judges, and one student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

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, not postmarked by this date.

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.
- 2. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance.
- 3. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale or equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
- 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, student essay, teacher recommendations, and one photo of the applicant. (Student essay and 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. 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.).
- 8. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after judging.

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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