

## 2026 Trade School or Technical College Scholarship Rules

Midwest Electric's scholarships encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The cooperative awards this scholarship to a high school senior who will attend 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 13, 2026. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m.

## Rules and regulations

- 1. Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a Midwest Electric residential member living in a residence receiving electric service from Midwest Electric.
- 2. Children and legal wards of Midwest Electric's commercial members are not eligible unless their parents or guardians are also residential members.
- 3. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or a proper vocational or technical school entrance.
- 4. Applicants must have a grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale or equivalent standing on a non-traditional scale.
- 5. Applicants cannot 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.). Immediate family members include children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren.
- 6. Applications and all accompanying materials must be submitted to Midwest Electric by 4:00 p.m. Friday, February 13, 2026. The cooperative will not extend the scholarship deadline for any reason.

- 7. Transcripts and essays must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted online. The application will not be accepted if these are not submitted at the same time.
- 8. Applicants who have received full-ride scholarships, including tuition, room, board, and books, are not eligible for Midwest Electric scholarships.
- 9. The top applicants will be selected based on weighted GPA and community involvement. Applications will be reviewed based on scholastic record, personal achievement, and school and community activities.
- 10. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after judging.
- 11. Recipients must accept their scholarship in the first academic year. The cooperative may grant an extension of one year for just cause in the judgment of Midwest Electric. If a recipient is unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation, the scholarship will be forfeited.

## **Questions**

Contact Midwest Electric at 419-394-4110.

**How to submit applications** 

https://midwestrec.com/scholarships

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