



Richland Electric Cooperative

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RICHLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

PURPOSE: To financially assist members or their children enrolling in a post- secondary degree program or a vocational program.

ADMINISTRATION: Individuals participating in the local school district scholarship committee will select the person(s) to receive the scholarship(s). REC will annually inform the local committee of the maximum award size, and the aggregate amount of scholarship funds available. In the event a student submits an essay, REC and the local committee shall decide if the local committee will score the essay in accordance with guidelines provided by the REC or if an independent judge shall be appointed. Additionally, REC reserves the right to establish, delete, or modify the selection criteria.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. **Applicant or applicant's parent, parents or legal guardian must be a member of Richland Electric Cooperative.**
2. Any graduating high school boy or girl.
3. Student will incur costs from the post-secondary institution.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Student attended the REC sponsored Youth Leadership Congress. OR
2. Student completed an essay related to the understanding of the cooperative form of business and their personal experience with cooperatives. The essay shall not be less than 1000 words or more than 1500 words.
3. Attendance requirement at the Richland Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting; exclusions to this requirement will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

AMOUNT: The amount of any individual scholarship shall be subject to a maximum award amount which shall be determined annually. Award amounts shall vary based on scoring achieved when evaluating the candidate's performance related to the scoring criteria listed above.

APPLICATION: Applications are available at the office of Richland Electric Cooperative and area high school guidance counselors. They will be standard in form and contain information sufficient for the scholarship committee to arrive at a decision as to the ability and need of the student. A personal interview with the committee may be held prior to the final decision. **Application and an essay or statement by the applicant they attended YLC, and a senior picture should be returned to the office of Richland Electric Cooperative by March 15.**

MANNER OF SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT:

The scholarship will be paid to the school upon proof of enrollment from student.

RICHLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

NAME _____

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS _____
Street or Route _____ City _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ACADEMIC MAJOR _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

NAME OF SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS THIS YEAR? _____

WHAT STUDENT ACTIVITIES HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

WRITE A PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING YOUR FUTURE PLANS AND LIST REASONS WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP: (Use additional pages if necessary)

RICHLAND ELECTRIC ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

PARENT NAME (or legal guardian) _____
ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE OF STUDENT _____
DATED _____

Submit to Richland Electric Cooperative, Scholarship Committee, PO Box 439, 30 E Robb Road,
Richland Center, WI 53581 or info@rec.coop