




Shelby Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

2021 Scholarship Program Guidelines & Official Rules

Objective: To provide financial assistance to eligible cooperative youth to further their education.

Program Outline: Shelby Electric Cooperative will award three \$1,000 scholarships to eligible applicants. Scholarships are readily available for one year and are not renewable. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic and community involvement, character and financial need as demonstrated in the application and essay. All applicants for scholarships shall be considered on the listed criteria without regard to race, age, color, religion, gender, national origin, or existence of a physical handicap.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligible youth will be sons or daughters of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative member who is receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.
- Eligible youth must be a high school senior graduating during the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Eligible youth must go on to further their educational experience at an accredited four-year or two-year college or university in the United States, including vocational/technical schools.
- Eligible winners must begin undergraduate studies within one year of notification that they have won.
- Eligible winners must be enrolled as “full time” students, maintaining a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Deadline: Completed applications must be received to the cooperative office by end of business, **March 5, 2021**. Applications may be received via mail at **Shelby Electric Cooperative, Attn: SEC Scholarship Program, PO Box 560, Shelbyville, IL 62565**. Applications may also be accepted via email at **scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop**.

Notification: Scholarship winners will be notified in June and will be requested to attend Shelby Electric Cooperative’s Annual Meeting of Members to receive their certificate.

Conditions: Winners must provide proof of enrollment to the Member Services Department at Shelby Electric Cooperative before the scholarship is awarded.

Contact:

Heidi Hall, Member Services Manager
217-774-3986
hhall@shelbyelectric.coop



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2021 Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Name Listed on Shelby Electric Account: _____

Shelby Electric Account Number: _____

High School: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

High School Grade Point Average (100 pt scale): _____

(e.g. if your school uses a 4 pt scale, multiply your GPA by 25, if 5pt scale, multiply your GPA by 20)

Most Recent SAT and/or ACT score (circle one): _____

Have you applied for entrance to a college or university? (please check): Y or N

If so, identify those applied to and mark with an asterisk(*) those which you have been accepted: _____

1st choice school: _____

2nd choice school: _____


Anticipated Major or field of study: _____

Have you received any other scholarships or grants to date? (please check): Y or N

If yes, please list: _____



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School/Community/Work/ Volunteer List:

Please attach a list including the following, if applicable:

- Participation in school activities. Include activity name, number of years of membership and any positions held.
- Participation in community activities. Include activity name, number of years of membership and any positions held.
- Work experience. Include positions held and for what time period.
- Volunteer experience. Include any volunteer activities you have participated in, number of years and any responsibilities for the activity.

Essay:

More than seventy-five years ago, farmers from the rural areas of Illinois created a legacy, a legacy that remains a thriving industry today... the Rural Electric Cooperative. With the help of the Rural Electrification Act, these not-for-profit organizations were brought together by the very farmers and ranchers who had never experienced the benefits of having electricity in their own homes. Electricity brought huge benefit to the American farmer; through the Electric Cooperative, the farmer not only had electricity in his home, but he shared decision making responsibility and established an ownership share in the cooperative. It created change and progress.

Please attach an essay, in your own words, on the following: "My legacy". Please discuss 1) your educational goals, 2) how this scholarship will assist you in your goals, and 3) the legacy you wish to create and how your post-high school education will impact that legacy.

Essay must be 3-pages or less, double-spaced, 12-point font, and regular margins.

Note:

Please do NOT submit additional materials other than those requested per the application. Additional materials including but not limited to letters of recommendation and school acceptance letters are not part of the judging process and will be discarded.

Statement of Applicant and Parent or Guardian:

"We have examined this application, including accompanying submissions, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete."

Signature/Date: _____
(Applicant)

Signature/Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

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Send to: **Shelby Electric Cooperative**
 Attention: SEC Scholarship Program
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 Shelbyville, IL 62565
Or email to: **scholarship@shelbyelectric.coop**