



## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

### **What are the scholarships?**

Ozarks Electric Cooperative offers a scholarship to one eligible senior from each high school in its service territory. The scholarships will be awarded annually and are nonrenewable.

### **Purpose:**

To help foster the development of effective leaders through continuing educational opportunities.

### **Objective:**

To provide financial assistance to eligible high school graduates with financial need, scholastic achievement, and extra-curricular achievement to continue their education.

### **Scholarship Eligibility:**

Current high school seniors whose parents or guardians are members of Ozarks Electric are eligible to apply for the scholarship in their school.

Applicants must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, and must enroll as a full-time student in an accredited university or college, including junior, community, vocational or technical college.

Must submit one or two letters of recommendation that can be emailed to [scholarships@ozarksecc.com](mailto:scholarships@ozarksecc.com) (or mailed to the address below) by 5 p.m. on April 15. Letters may come from teachers or community contacts, but may not come from family members.

All applicants for the Ozarks Electric Cooperative scholarship shall be considered without regard to race, age, color, religion, gender, national origin or existence of a physical handicap.

### **How to Apply:**

This year we have added the option of an online application. Students wishing to apply online may go to our website [ozarksecc.com](http://ozarksecc.com) for the application.

Students who wish to submit a paper application by mail should contact their high school guidance counselor to obtain an application form or may download one from our website. Completed applications should be returned to:

Scholarship Committee  
Ozarks Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 848  
Fayetteville, AR 72702-0848

**Selection Procedure:**

Selection is made by a Cooperative scholarship committee. Applicants should be willing to be interviewed by the committee if necessary. Decisions made by this committee shall be final.

**Payment of Scholarship:**

**Scholarship recipients will be provided with an information form that should be completed and returned to Ozarks Electric by July 1, or the winner will forfeit the scholarship.** This form is to notify Ozarks Electric Cooperative in writing of their college enrollment. The cooperative will then disburse funds to the institution in the recipient's name. Should the recipient withdraw from college or fall below full-time student status, payment of scholarship moneys shall cease and reimbursement of unused moneys shall be made to Ozarks Electric Cooperative.

Also, all scholarship money must be applied the fall semester following their high school graduation. Ozarks Electric cannot hold checks to be distributed in later semesters.

**Conditions:**

In the event the scholarship recipient receives financial assistance from other sources that would constitute a full scholarship, the recipient shall notify Ozarks Electric and relinquish rights to the scholarship.

**The Cooperative Asks That:**

Awarding of the scholarship is recognized at high school achievement day functions if applicable.

**\*\*APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO OZARKS ELECTRIC  
COOPERATIVE BY 5:00 P.M., ON APRIL 15.\*\***



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_  
  First  MI  Last

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ozarks Electric Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

College You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

ACT or SAT Composite \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative High School GPA *(through fall of senior year)* \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Curricular Activities, Organizations, Clubs *(years of involvement, any offices held)*

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Honors and Awards:

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Community or Other Activities:

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Work Activities:      Are you currently employed?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type of work and how many hours per week?

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Are you receiving assistance for your education through any other fund or have you received other scholarships to date? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please list below:

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Please give a short statement as to why you are applying for this scholarship, and what attending college would mean to you:

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High School Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor's Email and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE STUDENT:**

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