



Scholarship Instructions

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1. **Open the application file using Adobe Reader, and save it.**
2. **Complete the first two pages using Adobe Reader.**
3. **Save the file again, then print all pages.**

Take the application to a teacher and your guidance counselor to complete the faculty portion. It is preferred those sections are typewritten; however, they may be handwritten if necessary.

Applications and letters of recommendation must be received by Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship interviews will be held on March. Applicants will receive additional information in the mail prior to that date.

Scholarship Rules

PURPOSE:

In order to carry on an educational and training program that encourages Ohio's rural youth to further their education and gives them an opportunity to become more aware of careers in the rural electric program, the following scholarship awards program is offered by Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (OEC).

SCHOLARSHIPS:

DIVISION I – BOYS

DIVISION II – GIRLS

The cash scholarship awards for each division are as follows:

First place	\$3,500
Second place	\$2,500
Third place	\$2,000
Fourth place	\$1,900
Fifth place	\$1,800
Sixth place	\$1,700
Seventh place	\$1,600
Eighth place	\$1,500
Ninth place	\$1,400

RULES:

To be eligible for the OEC scholarships, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from the local cooperatives:

Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a permanent residential electric cooperative member receiving service for the duration of the 2016-17 academic year (August 2016 - June 2017).

Children/wards of electric distribution cooperative commercial members are not eligible unless their parents are also permanent residential electric cooperative members.

1. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. A “proper vocational or technical school” is defined as a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to a state accredited four-year college.
2. Applicants in both divisions must have a cumulative grade point average of **3.5** or above on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.

Winners must be accepted and then enrolled in an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school of students’ choice when they receive the award. Winners who are accepted and then enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, working toward a degree, are also eligible.

3. Members of the immediate families and persons residing in the households of trustees, managers, distribution cooperative employees and OEC or affiliated organizations (Buckeye Power, Inc., RESCO, etc.) employees are not eligible to participate in the competition.
4. Applications must be submitted (typed to be accepted) on forms furnished by and submitted to **Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.** Cooperatives will choose one finalist from each division to advance the state level. Applicants who have not submitted applications to their local cooperative by its deadline will not be eligible to compete at the state level.
5. Application information must be confined to the official nomination form with only grade transcripts, teacher recommendations, and a recent photo attached. Teacher recommendations must be no longer than 500 words.
6. Applicants who receive “full-ride” scholarships (i.e., scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, room, board *and* books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from OEC. Applicants who win an OEC scholarship and subsequently receive a full-ride scholarship following the Children of Members scholarship competition, must contact OEC immediately to forfeit this scholarship.
7. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OEC. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the president of OEC. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
8. Finalists are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (e.g., electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
9. All finalists, who do not win, will receive a token of appreciation from OEC.

10. These rules (dated hereon) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

JUDGING:

The judges, following personal interviews with each nominee, will score up to a maximum of 40 points for scholastic record, 30 points for personal achievement, school and community activities, 15 points for personal interview with the judges relating to poise, personality and appearance, and 15 points for cooperative knowledge, based upon the booklet “**The Cooperative Difference (11/15 edition).**”

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS CRITERIA:

All co-op applications advanced to OEC must meet the OEC criteria.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND LETTERS TO:

*Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.
401 McDonald Pike, Paulding, OH 45879-9270
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator*