

OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Otero County Electric Cooperative Education Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors and returning-adult students who will be attending an accredited **University, College or Vocational / Technical school** each year. All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply.

Higher Education Scholarship (4-year College or University undergraduate program)
Vocational / Technical Certificate or Associate Degree Scholarship (2-year, accredited program)

The scholarship is \$1,500 per semester for the 1st and 2nd fall and spring semesters and \$2,000 per semester for the remaining six consecutive fall and spring semesters. The ability to renew the scholarship is contingent upon meeting the enrollment status and passing grade requirements as follows:

- 4-year Undergraduate and 2-year Associate students must be enrolled full time (12 or more credit hours) and maintain a 2.50 gradepoint average based on a 4.00 scale for renewal.
- Vocational / Technical students must be enrolled full time and maintain a passing grade for renewal.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of funding availability and the applicant's eligibility. Checks will be made payable to the school and will be distributed to the school by OCEC.

Eligibility:

1. Available to **active** members receiving service from **Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.** and their immediate family. (Renters are eligible and must provide proof of electric service reimbursement for 12 months.)
2. Scholarship to be granted to attend an accredited **University, College or Vocational / Technical school**.
3. Economic need of the applicant will be given secondary consideration during the selection process.
4. Applications must be received or post marked no later than **March 15th**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Awards will be announced within sixty (60) days of this date.

Requirements:

1. Applicant must provide an official transcript from the school the applicant has most recently attended.
2. Applicant must demonstrate a coherent degree plan and the willingness to pursue a course of higher learning. ([Essay](#))
3. Applicant must be of good character as evidenced by at least two (2) **signed** letters from teachers, principals, counselors, community leaders, employers, etc.
4. All 4-year Undergraduate and 2-year Associate applicants must provide official test score sheet from either ACT or SAT testing. ACT/SAT testing is not required for Vocational / Technical applicants.
5. The scholarship award winner must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given.

Send applications to:
Otero County Electric Education Foundation
PO Box 227
Cloudcroft, NM 88317-0227

For additional information, please contact
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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Which accredited University, College or Vocational / Technical school do you plan to attend?

First Choice – Name and Address – University, College or Vocational / Technical school

Second Choice – Name and Address – University, College or Vocational / Technical school

_____ \$ _____
Have you applied for admission? Have you been accepted? Estimate one year of expenses

_____ \$ _____
Have you received any other scholarships? If so, how much?

Essay – In approximately 100 words, write an essay on the topic: “My Educational and Career Goals and How This Scholarship Will Aid Me”. Please articulate your degree plan and major course of study.

To be complete, this application must be accompanied by:

1. An official school transcript for the school the applicant has most recently attended;
2. Essay;
3. Two (2) signed letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, community leaders, employers, etc.; and
4. A copy of ACT/SAT Official Test Score sheet, unless Vocational / Technical applicant.

In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must maintain the required passing grade and demonstrate acceptable standards of citizenship and character to continue qualifying for the renewal of the initial scholarship award.

Signed _____ Date _____

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing the Otero County Electric Education Foundation. Additionally, if selected, I will provide my social security number in order to administer the scholarship as well as a picture for publication.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian