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 Kelley Sanders (575) 682-7606 kelleys@ote-coop.com

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION PO BOX 227 CLOUDCROFT, NM 88317-0227

PLEASE SELECT WHICH SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

_ Higher Education Scholarship (4-year College or University, undergraduate)

____ Vocational / Technical Certificate or Associate Degree Scholarship (2-year, accredited program)

Applicant Name	Phone		Email Address	
Mailing Address	City	State	Zip	
Father's Name / Occupation	Mother's Name	/ Occupation	<u>\$</u> Annual Family	
Number of dependent children in fam (including applicant)	,	Income How many other family members are currently in college?		
OCEC Account Number Physic	al address of OCEC acc	count		
High School(s) attended GPA (include official transcript from school most recently attended)			ACT / SAT Score (include official test score sheet)	
Activities, Achievements, Academic	Honors, Hobbies & Rec	reational Activities		

Work Experience – Describe your work experience (*e.g. food server, childcare, lawn mowing and office work*). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer / Position – Job Duties	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

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

First Choice – Name and Address –	- University, College or Vocatio	onal / Technical school
Second Choice – Name and Addres	ss – University, College or Vo	cational / Technical school
Have you applied for admission?	Have you been accepted?	\$ Estimate one year of expenses
Have you received any other schola	arships? If so, how mu	ich?
Essay – In approximately 100 word This Scholarship Will Aid Me". Plea		"My Educational and Career Goals and How 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