

BEDFORD RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligibility

To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a member of Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative or a full-time resident served by the Cooperative,
2. Be a United States Citizen,
3. Be 25 years of age, or older,
4. Have earned a High School Diploma or GED (Please Provide Transcript),
5. Be currently enrolled or accepted at an accredited post-secondary institution (4 year college, 2 year community college, or trade school, etc.),
6. Be at least a part-time student, committed to take at least 6 credits of coursework,
7. Submit applications to Bedford Rural Electric by 4 pm on February 1,
8. Agree, if awarded a scholarship, to attend the scholarship presentation, which is held at Bedford Rural Electric's Annual Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of April, and
9. Not be a previous Cooperative Scholarship winner.

Scholarship

1. Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative will award four (4), \$1,000.00 scholarships.
2. The winners must prove that they are enrolled at an accredited institution. The Cooperative will submit the payment directly to the institution.

Selection Criteria

The scholarship winners will be determined by a committee of Cooperative members, using the following criteria:

1. Financial Need (FAFSA) Web Submission Confirmation – Estimated Expected Family Contribution,
2. Evaluation of an essay (300+ typed words), telling us about yourself; community, civic and volunteer activities; employment history; and why you deserve this scholarship,
3. Letter(s) of recommendation.