



## **NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

### **Eligibility**

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To be eligible, the applicant must:

1. Be a member of Bedford Rural Electric 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, trade or technical 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 – Postmarked by March 1, and
8. Not be a previous Cooperative Scholarship winner.

### **Scholarship**

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1. Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. will award up to four (4) \$1,500.00 Non-Traditional scholarships.
2. The winners must prove that they are enrolled at an accredited institution. The Cooperative will submit the payment directly to the institution/school where the student is attending.

### **Selection Criteria**

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

1. Evaluation of an essay (300+ typed words), telling us about yourself, why you deserve the scholarship, future goals, & what you hope to achieve;
2. Community, civic and volunteer activities;
3. Employment history; and,
4. At least one letter of recommendation.