

Electric Cooperative Foundation, Inc.

2016 Scholarship Application Package



Complete application should be returned to:
Electric Cooperative Foundation, Inc.
340 TechnaCenter Drive (36117)
P.O. Box 244014
Montgomery, AL 36124
334-215-2732

Participating Cooperatives

Arab EC

Baldwin EMC

Central Alabama EC

Cherokee EC

Clarke-Washington EMC

Covington EC

Cullman EC

Dixie EC

Franklin EC

Joe Wheeler EMC

Marshall-Dekalb EC

North Alabama EC

Pea River EC

Pioneer EC

Sand Mountain EC

South Alabama EC

Southern Pine EC

Tallapoosa River EC

Tombigbee EC

Wiregrass EC

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The Electric Cooperative Foundation, Inc. was created by the electric cooperatives of Alabama in 1997 in an effort to give back to the communities they serve by providing scholarships for post-secondary and vocational education to accredited institutions for qualifying high school seniors. For the spring of 2016, the Foundation will award scholarships to dependents of members of the participating electric cooperatives in each of the 20 districts established by the Foundation's Board of Directors. The sole decision as to whom is to receive the scholarship in each established district will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Foundation. However, the Foundation may request or enlist the assistance of the electric cooperatives in each district in disseminating the applications and information about the scholarships, and may request assistance from such electric cooperatives in gathering and screening the scholarship applications, although such assistance and the final determination shall at all times remain under the direction and control of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FORM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOUNDATION, INC.

The application (and all attachments thereto) must be signed, completed and submitted to the Foundation at P.O. Box 244014, Montgomery, AL 36124. If an applicant fails to complete the entire application or fails to submit all of the items in the format requested hereunder by the deadline date, the application will not be considered for any purposes or under any circumstances with respect to the scholarships of the Foundation.

Please note that the application must be signed by both the student applying for the scholarship and the parent/guardian of the applicant and, if either of such signatures is not on the application, the application will be considered incomplete, and not considered in the application process.

The application with all required attachments and submissions must be received at the Foundation office no later than February 26, 2016. NO POSTMARKS.

The Foundation does not, and will not discriminate, on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin or on any other basis in either the application process or in the consideration and granting of the scholarships provided by the Foundation. The districts established by the Foundation are based on the territories of the electric cooperatives who created the Foundation. As a result, the scholarship for which you are applying is based upon the service territory of the electric cooperative of which your parent/guardian is a member. A map showing the districts established is attached to the back of this application package.

By submitting the application package and the attachments and submissions relating to the application, the applicant and his or her parent/guardian signing the application are certifying that the information submitted is true and correct and the applicant and his or her parent are agreeing to the scholarship conditions set forth below.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions on which the scholarships are to be made for the 2015-2016 scholarship year, are as follows:

1. The scholarships shall be transmitted to the accredited school selected by the scholarship recipient. The Foundation has given \$427,000 in scholarships since 2001. Individual scholarships have ranged in the past from \$500 to \$2,500.
2. The scholarship shall be granted only to graduating high school seniors.
3. The scholarships shall be announced and awarded in the spring prior to the recipient's graduation, but are contingent and subject to the scholarship recipient graduating from high school and passing any required graduation exam.
4. The scholarship will be available to the student for the immediate 4 academic years following the student's high school graduation.
5. The scholarship will be paid by the Foundation directly to the educational institution for credit to the student's account at the institution with notification of receipt to be received from the educational institution.
6. In order to qualify for the partial scholarship, the student must attend a four year college, a junior college, a technical school or vocational school of the scholarship recipient's choice provided that such school chosen is an accredited institution.

7. In order for the scholarship funds to be received to the benefit of the scholarship recipient, the student must enroll on a full-time basis at the institution selected, which full-time status must be certified to by the institution. Failure to qualify as a full-time student will result in a rescission of the scholarship with the funds being returned from the institution to the Foundation. There are no exceptions to this rule, and except as determined by the Foundation on a nondiscriminatory basis, there will be no deferral of enrollment.
8. In order to qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a dependent child of a member of a participating Alabama electric cooperative at the time the application is made and through graduation from high school.
9. The scholarships will not be awarded solely based on need, nor will need be a predominate basis upon which any determination is made.
10. If an applicant's parents live in two different districts established by the Foundation, the applicant shall only be permitted to apply for a scholarship in one district.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

We, the undersigned individuals, the applicant and a parent / guardian of the applicant, by signing below authorize the release of any and all academic information from _____ (Name of High School) and do hereby authorize the guidance counselor and principal of such high school to discuss such information with the Foundation. We, the undersigned, by signing below authorize the release of any and all test scores and other information from the American College of Testing or the Stanford Achievement Test to the Foundation.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have each read the entire application package and do hereby certify that we understand the contents of the application package. Also, by signing below, we each certify that the information provided in the application and each of the attachments submitted with the application are true and correct. If any of the information provided in the application or any of the attachments is found not to be true and correct, the applicant will be immediately disqualified and, if any scholarship has been awarded, such scholarship shall be rescinded.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

ALABAMA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION of COOPERATIVES

