

## 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 **New Mexico 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)  
**OCEC Vocational / Technical Scholarship** (2-year, accredited Vocational / Technical School)

A \$1,000 scholarship will be paid in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given. The initial scholarship award may be renewed for an **additional seven consecutive spring and fall semesters**. The ability to renew the scholarship is contingent upon meeting the enrollment status and passing grade requirements.

- Higher education (4-year) students must be enrolled full time and maintain a 2.50 grade point 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.
2. Scholarship to be granted to attend an accredited **New Mexico 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 provide official test score sheet from either ACT or SAT testing. (Not a requirement for Vocational / Technical applicants. If the Vocational / Technical applicant has taken either test, they are encouraged to submit it.)
3. Applicant must demonstrate a coherent degree plan and the willingness to pursue a course of higher learning. (Essay)
4. Applicant must be of good character as evidenced by at least three (3) **signed** letters from teachers, principals, counselors, community leaders, employers, etc.
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**

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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

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1<sup>st</sup> Choice – Name and Address     4 Year College or University     Vocational / Technical School

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2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Name and Address     4 Year College or University     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) A copy of ACT/SAT Scores; ([unless applying for Vocational/Technical scholarship](#))
- 3) Essay; and
- 4) Three signed letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, community leaders, employers, etc.

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.

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent or Guardian