

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 16th**. 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

For additional information, please contact
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**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 Scholarship** (2-year, accredited Vocational / Technical school)

Applicant Name _____ Phone _____ Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's Name / Occupation _____ Mother's Name / Occupation _____ \$ Annual Family Income _____

Number of dependant children in family (including applicant) _____ How many other family members are currently in college? _____

OCEC Account Number _____ Physical address of OCEC account _____

High School(s) attended _____ GPA _____ ACT / SAT Score _____
 (include official transcript from school most recently attended) (include official test score sheet)

Activities, Achievements, Academic Honors, Hobbies & Recreational Activities

Work Experience – Describe your work experience (e.g. food server, child care, 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 New Mexico University, College or Vocational / Technical school do you plan to attend?

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

2nd 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.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian