

OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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, vocational or technical school** each year. All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply.

OCEC Higher Education Scholarship (4 year, undergraduate program)
OCEC Vocational or Technical Scholarship - Mike Gaston/Ben Virden Memorial

A one (1) year \$2,000 scholarship, \$1,000 to be paid at the start of each semester on confirmation that the requirements of the grade point and enrollment have been met.

Requirements:

1. Applicant must provide an official transcript from the school the applicant has most recently attended.
2. Applicant must be of good character as evidenced by at least three (3) **signed** letters from teachers, principals, counselors, community leaders, employers, etc.
3. Applicant must demonstrate a coherent degree plan and the willingness to pursue a course of higher learning.
4. Applicant must provide official test score sheet from either ACT or SAT testing. (Not a requirement for vocational or technical applicants. If the vocational or technical applicant has taken either test, they are encouraged to submit it.)

Eligibility:

1. Available to **active** members receiving service from **Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc.** and their immediate families.
2. Scholarship to be granted to attend an accredited New Mexico university, college, vocational or technical school.
3. Economic need of the applicant will be given secondary consideration during the selection process.
4. Applications must be received not later than **March 15th**. Late applications will not be considered. Awards will be announced within sixty (60) days of this date.
5. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The initial scholarship award may be renewed for **an additional seven consecutive semesters**. The ability to renew 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 or Technical students must be enrolled full time and maintain a passing grade for renewal. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of funds available and the applicant's eligibility.

Send applications to:

Otero County Electric Education Foundation
PO Box 227
Cloudcroft, NM 88317-0227

For additional questions, please contact
Kelley Sanders at (575) 682-2521 ext. # 1116

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION
PO BOX 227
CLOUDCROFT, NM 88317-0227

PLEASE CHECK WHICH APPLIES

Educational Scholarship (4 year, undergraduate): _____

Vocational or Technical School Scholarship: _____

Name _____ Telephone _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Fathers Occupation _____ Mothers Occupation _____

Annual family income (check with parents) \$ _____

Number of dependent children in family (including applicant) _____

How many other family members are currently in college? _____

Otero County Electric Cooperative account number _____

Name(s) and physical address under which account is billed _____

Which community college, university, vocational or technical school do you plan to attend?

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____

Have you applied for admission? _____

Estimate college expenses for one (1) year \$ _____

Have you received any other scholarships? _____ If so, how much? \$ _____

High School(s) attended _____

List academic honors received in High School or college: _____

School related clubs, activities, and achievements _____

Community clubs, activities, achievements _____

What are your favorite hobbies or recreational activities? _____

Work Experience:

Name of Employer(s):

Job Duties: _____

Length of Service: _____

In approximately 100 words, write an Essay on the topic of: "My educational goals and future life plans and how this scholarship will aid me."

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 a renewal of the initial scholarship year.

Signed _____ Date _____

To be complete, this application must be accompanied by:

- 1) An official high school transcript from the school the applicant has most recently attended;
- 2) A copy of ACT/SAT Scores; (unless applying for vocational or technical) and
- 3) Three signed letters of recommendation from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, community leaders, etc.

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing the Otero County Electric Cooperative Education Foundation. Additionally, if selected, we will need your social security number in order to administer the scholarship with the college or university as well as a picture of you for publication.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian