

2023 Power UP Technical Scholarship Instructions

Applications and all required attachments must be received by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NVEC) by 4:00 p.m. on **February 17, 2023**. Scholarship interviews will be held on **March 14, 2023** at Defiance College and all eligible applicants are required to participate on that day in order to be considered for the scholarship award. Additional information will be mailed to the applicants prior to that date regarding specific interview times.

Scholarship Details

PURPOSE:

In order to carry on an educational and training program that encourages Ohio's rural member-owners to further their education by pursuing a career in a technical field of study and gives them an opportunity to become more aware of careers in the rural electric program, the following scholarship awards program is offered by NVEC and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (OEC).

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

One winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award each year. The award is non-renewable. The local winner will advance to the statewide level where they will compete for additional cash.

RULES:

To be eligible for the OEC scholarships, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from the local cooperatives:

1. Applicants must be a permanent residential NVEC member-owner, or a dependent child (son/daughter)/legal ward of a permanent residential member-owner, receiving service for the duration of the 2022-2023 academic year (August 2022 - June 2023). Children/wards of NVEC commercial member-owners are not eligible unless one of their parents/legal guardians is also a permanent residential NVEC member-owner.
2. Applicants may be high school graduates enrolling in a technical program; current technical school enrollees or those enrolling in a post-undergraduate technical program. Applicants must plan to attend or currently attend an *accredited* technical school program.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of **2.5 or above** on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale. High school GPAs shall be used for applicants who have not yet begun a program, while technical school GPAs shall be used for applicants currently enrolled in programs.
4. Applications must be submitted (typed to be accepted) on the forms provided by NVEC or downloaded from www.nvec.com/scholarship-programs. **Applications must be returned to NVEC by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023.**

RULES (cont.):

5. Application information must be confined to the official application form. The only attachments permitted are: high school transcripts, proof of enrollment in a program*, typed essay responses, one 500-word letter of recommendation from an instructor (optional), and one photo of the applicant.

* Accepted proofs of enrollment include: an official course schedule, or an official program transcript. The documentation must include the school's name or URL, and the applicant's name.
6. Essays: Applicants are required to provide two brief essays (250-word max each).
 - a. Detailing their educational and career goals;
 - b. Discussing cooperative knowledge per the online orientation found at www.ohioec.org/orientation.

Applicants must complete the essays without outside assistance from another individual.

7. Students may not be immediate family members of, or reside with, people who are employed by **any** electric cooperative in Ohio (employees, trustees, managers, OEC, **or** affiliated organizations such as Buckeye Power, Inc., RESCO, etc.).
8. Applicants who receive “full-ride” scholarships (i.e., scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, room, board *and* books) to the schools of their choice are **not eligible** for scholarships from NWECC or OEC. Applicants who have won other scholarships from OEC or any affiliated organization are not eligible to win this competition.
9. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by NWECC and OEC. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the President/CEO of NWECC or of OEC. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
10. Personal interviews for the local competition will be conducted with eligible applicants. Applicants are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (e.g., electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
11. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after judging. One winner will be chosen to represent NWECC in the statewide competition where he or she will compete for an additional scholarship award.
12. These rules (dated hereon) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

All rules stated within this document conform to the policies and program guidelines as set forth by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

JUDGING:

The judges, following personal interviews with each eligible applicant, will score up to a maximum of 30 points for scholastic record, 20 points for personal achievement, school and community activities, 40 points for the written essays, and 10 points for personal interview with the judges relating to poise, personality and appearance.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

***NWEC Scholarship Coordinator
04125 State Route 576
PO Box 391
Bryan, OH 43506***