



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

GERTRUDE STUDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline February 14, 2025

Scholarship Details

PURPOSE:

The Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship award program is offered by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NVEC) and awarded by the Edgerton Area Foundation in memory of Gertrude Studer. She spent her entire life in rural Edgerton in homes serviced by NVEC. Gertrude is credited with attending every annual meeting of the cooperative since its inception. She also loved attending the Williams County Fair and was involved in the local 4-H and FFA organizations throughout her life.

Following her death at the age of 109 in February 2017, the Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship was created to encourage and reward rural Williams County students who have been involved in the 4-H and/or FFA organizations and who have committed themselves to the pursuance of further training and education while also offering the students an opportunity to become more aware of rural cooperative careers.

AWARD:

One winner will receive a \$500 cash award. The award is non-renewable. The disbursement of the award will be administered by the Edgerton Area Foundation.

INTERVIEWS

In-person interviews will be held and all eligible applicants are required to participate in order to be considered for the scholarship award. Additional information regarding the date, location and specific interview times will be mailed to the applicants.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST - to be considered for this award, all the following MUST BE submitted by the deadline date:

- _____ **Application form (two pages)** - Information must be confined to the official form. Applications must be submitted **by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025.**
- _____ **An official, signed grade transcript**
Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of **3.5 or above** on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
- _____ **One essay - typed, 800 words maximum**
Guidelines for the essay are included on page 3.
- _____ **A recent photo of the applicant** - A photocopy of a photo is acceptable.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

NVEC Scholarship Coordinator
04125 State Route 576
P O Box 391
Bryan, OH 43506

Please review the scholarship rules on the next page prior to submitting your application.

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Scholarship Rules

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants for the Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship:

1. Applicants must be the son, daughter, or legal ward of a permanent residential NWECC member receiving service for the duration of the 2024-2025 academic year (August 2024 - June 2025). Children/wards of NWECC commercial members are not eligible unless one of their parents/legal guardians is also a permanent residential NWECC member.
2. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. A “proper vocational or technical school” is defined as a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to a state accredited four-year college.
3. Applicants must be a permanent resident of Williams County and attend a high school located within Williams County.
4. Applicants must be actively involved in a local 4-H and/or FFA organization.
5. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of **3.0 or above** on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
6. Winners must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school of students’ choice to claim their scholarship.
7. Members of the immediate families and persons residing in the households of trustees or employees of NWECC are not eligible to participate in the competition.
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.
9. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year following the student’s high school graduation. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the award is forfeited.
10. These rules 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.

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Essay Guidelines

The North Western Electric Cooperative Gertrude Studer Memorial Scholarship was created to honor Edgerton native Gertrude Studer who was dedicated to her family, her electric cooperative and to her local 4-H and FFA organizations.

Each applicant must submit a short essay describing how the applicant's involvement in 4-H and/or FFA has enriched their lives, has assisted in the development of their personal character and has contributed to their ability to succeed.

The suggested outline will answer the following points:

- Why did you join 4-H and/or FFA?
- What types of activities have you been involved in since you joined?
- What specific goals as a part of the organization have you achieved and how did you achieve the goals?
- Why do you think your involvement in the organization will help you to succeed at college/vocational/technical school?

The essay must be at least 800 words and must be typed, double-spaced. Please place your name and address at the top of each page.

Please return your completed essay by attaching it to the application form.

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GERTRUDE STUDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

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**This application must be TYPED to be accepted.
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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Personal Email: _____

Are you over 18? Yes Date of birth: _____
 No

If you are younger than 18, please provide your parents' or guardians' information below:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

North Western Electric Cooperative member's name on the electric account:
_____ Electric account #: _____

Name of high school: _____

Name of college or accredited technical school that you plan to attend (or are currently attending).
If undecided, list all that you are considering:

What field of study/major will you be pursuing? _____

What is the estimated length of the program? Two-year Four-year Other: _____

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NON-SCHOOL RELATED PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

List church or community activities in which you have participated. Include the years of participation and any leadership roles you held.

SCHOOL RELATED PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

List the most prestigious activities you participated in such as plays, athletics, music, etc. Include the years of participation, any leadership roles you held, and any scholastic awards you received.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

List jobs, positions held and length of employment.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

We have examined this application and the records are true, complete and accurate. In addition, we acknowledge and agree that North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. may disclose any or all of the information contained in this application and the supporting documents to the judges of the scholarship competition and to any employees of North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. Winners' names and photos will be published in our magazine, on our website and on our social media pages.

Date

Applicant's Signature

**MUST be original,
handwritten signatures.**

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)