



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

POWER UP TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application deadline February 14, 2025

Scholarship Details

PURPOSE:

In order to carry on an educational and training program that encourages Ohio's rural youth to further their education and gives them an opportunity to become more aware of careers in the rural electric program, the PowerUP Technical scholarship award program is offered by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NWECC) 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.

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:

- _____ **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 **2.5 or above** on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
- _____ **One essay - typed, 250 word maximum**
Essay must detail your educational and career goals. Describe the reasons why you chose that path.
- _____ **One letter of recommendation**
The letter may be typed or handwritten and must be no longer than 500 words.
- _____ **A recent photo of the applicant** - A photocopy of a photo is acceptable.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

NWEC 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 PowerUP Technical 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 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.
4. Winners must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited vocational/technical school to claim their scholarship. Winners who are accepted and then enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, working toward a degree, are also eligible.
5. Scholarships must be claimed within six months of the date on the winner's notification letter. Extensions may be granted for just cause if requested in writing before July 1, 2025.
6. 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.).
7. 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.
8. When selecting the annual winner, preference will be given to applicants who will be, or are currently, pursuing a career in an electrical related field of study.
9. 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. and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

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POWER UP TECHNICAL 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)