




Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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Scholarship Instructions

Applications and all accompanying materials must be received by Butler Rural Electric Cooperative by Monday, February 3, 2020. Scholarship applications must be received at the cooperative's office by February 3, not postmarked by this date. The application deadline will not be extended for any reason, including school cancellations or delays due to weather. Applicants will receive additional information regarding scholarship judging after February 3.

Scholarship Rules

PURPOSE:

In order to carry on an educational 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 following scholarship awards program is offered by Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (OEC).

SCHOLARSHIPS:

The local scholarship awards are as follows:

Two first place scholarships	\$2,500 each
Two R. Fred Woodruff scholarships	\$1,500 each
Six college scholarships	\$1,000 each

The highest scoring scholarship recipient will advance to the statewide level and must be available to interview on April 15, 2020 in Columbus, OH. Statewide finalists will compete for additional scholarships that will be awarded at the statewide level.

The statewide scholarship awards are as follows:

Place	Prize	Honorable Mention Prizes	
First place	\$ 3,800	11 th	\$ 1,400
Second place	\$ 2,800	12 th	\$ 1,400
Third place	\$ 2,300	13 th	\$ 1,400
Fourth place	\$ 2,200	14 th	\$ 1,400
Fifth place	\$ 2,100	15 th	\$ 1,400
Sixth place	\$ 2,000	16 th	\$ 1,400
Seventh place	\$ 1,900	17 th	\$ 1,400
Eighth place	\$ 1,800	18 th	\$ 1,400
Ninth place	\$ 1,700	19 th	\$ 1,400
Tenth place	\$ 1,600	20 th	\$ 1,400
		21 st	\$ 1,400
		22 nd	\$ 1,400
		23 rd	\$ 1,400
		24 th	\$ 1,400

RULES:

To be eligible for scholarships from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and OEC, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants:

1. Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a permanent residential electric cooperative member receiving service for the duration of the 2019-2020 academic year (August 2019 - June 2020). Children/wards of electric distribution cooperative commercial members are not eligible unless their parents are also permanent residential electric cooperative members.
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 in both divisions 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.
4. Recipients must be accepted and then enrolled in an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school of students’ choice when they receive the award.
5. 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.).
6. Applications must be submitted on forms furnished by and submitted to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. Butler Rural Electric Cooperative will choose one finalist to advance the state level.
7. Application information must be confined to the official application form with only grade transcripts and letters of recommendation attached. The letters of recommendation must be no longer than 500 words.

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 the scholarship. Applicants who receive a scholarship from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and OEC and subsequently receive a full-ride scholarship following the Children of Members scholarship competition must contact Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and OEC to forfeit the scholarship.
9. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and OEC. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the general manager of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and the president of OEC. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
10. Finalists are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (e.g., electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
11. Finalists who have won other scholarships from OEC or affiliated organizations in other scholarship competitions are not eligible to compete in this competition.
12. Scholarship applications, transcripts and letters of recommendation must be received by Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's office by February 3, 2020. The scholarship deadline will not be extended for any reason, including school closings or delays due to weather.
13. Transcripts and letters of recommendation must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. If these are not submitted at the same time, the application will not be accepted, and the applicant will not be considered for the scholarship.
14. Letters of recommendation must specifically mention Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Children of Members Scholarship. Letters of recommendation for other scholarships or for college acceptance will not be accepted.
15. These rules (dated hereon) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

JUDGING:

The judges, following personal interviews with each nominee, will score up to a maximum of 40 points for scholastic record, 30 points for personal achievement, school and community activities, 15 points for personal interview with the judges relating to poise, personality and appearance, and 15 points for cooperative knowledge.

Cooperative knowledge questions will be based on the Online Orientation course located at www.ohioec.org/orientation. Students are recommended to complete this course prior to judging. The course takes approximately one hour to complete.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative

Attn: Jade Sturgeon

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Oxford, OH 45056