



2021 Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship Rules

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's scholarships are used to encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship is awarded to one high school senior who is attending a two- or four-year technical college or trade school after high school. Past recipients of this scholarship have majored in natural resources law enforcement and diesel mechanics, for example. The recipient will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Rules and regulations

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of applications for Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship.

1. Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a Butler Rural Electric Cooperative residential member living in a residence receiving electricity from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative at the time of the scholarship competition. The address on the applicant's official school transcript will be used to determine if the applicant lives in a home served by the cooperative.
2. Children and legal wards of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's commercial members are not eligible unless their parents are also residential members.
3. Applicants must be graduating high school 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.
4. 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. Weighted GPA will not be considered for this scholarship.
5. Applicants cannot be immediate family members of, or reside with, people who are employed by any electric cooperative in Ohio. This includes employees, trustees, managers, and affiliated organizations such as Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Buckeye Power, RESCO, Cardinal Operating Company, etc.)
6. Applications must be submitted using the official scholarship application. Applications and all accompanying materials like official transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays must be submitted to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021. Applications must be received at the cooperative's office by February 1, not postmarked by this date. The scholarship deadline will not be extended for any reason, including school closings or delays due to weather.

7. Transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted. If these are not submitted at the same time, the application will not be accepted.
8. Application information must be confined to the official application. The only attachments permitted are transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays. Other attachments, like resumes and additional pages, will not be considered.
9. Letters of recommendation must not exceed 500 words.
10. Letters of recommendation must specifically mention Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship. Letters of recommendation for other scholarships or college acceptance will not be accepted.
11. Applicants who have received full ride scholarships, including tuition, room, board, and books are not eligible for scholarships from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. Students who receive a scholarship from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and subsequently receive a full ride scholarship following the Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship competition must contact Butler Rural Electric Cooperative to forfeit the scholarship.
12. The top applicants will be selected based on GPA and community involvement and will participate in interviews with judges. Applications and interviews will be reviewed based on scholastic record, personal achievement, and school and community activities.
13. Finalists are not permitted to bring outside materials, like resumes or handouts, to interviews.
14. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or trade school to claim their scholarship.
15. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year. An extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. In the event a student is unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation, the scholarship is forfeited.

Questions?

If you have questions regarding Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's scholarships, please contact:
 Jade Guthrie, Communications Representative
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 513-867-4405

How to submit applications

<p>Submit by mail Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Attention: Jade Guthrie 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road Oxford, Ohio 45056</p>	<p>Submit by email jadeg@butlerrural.coop</p>	<p>Submit in-person Butler Rural Electric Cooperative 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road Oxford, Ohio 45056</p>
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