



2021 Children of Members Scholarship Rules

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s scholarships are used to encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The Children of Members scholarship competition includes Children of Members scholarships, the Michael L. Sims Scholarship, and R. Fred Woodruff scholarships.

2021 Children of Members Scholarship amounts

First place – Michael L. Sims Scholarship recipient Recipient will compete for up to \$3,800 in additional scholarships from Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives.	\$2,500 each year throughout college career
Second place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$2,500
Third place – R. Fred Woodruff Scholarship recipient	\$1,500
Fourth place – R. Fred Woodruff Scholarship recipient	\$1,500
Fifth place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$1,000
Sixth place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$1,000
Seventh place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$1,000
Eighth place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$1,000
Ninth place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$1,000
Tenth place – Children of Members Scholarship recipient	\$1,000

Michael L. Sims Scholarship – New in 2021!

The top-scoring scholarship recipient will receive the Michael L. Sims Scholarship, which awards \$2,500 to the recipient each year throughout their college career for up to four years. The recipient must maintain a 3.5 GPA throughout their college career to continue to receive this scholarship. If the recipient’s GPA falls below a 3.5, the scholarship is forfeited. The student will not be eligible to receive the scholarship in subsequent years once the scholarship is forfeited. The scholarship will not be awarded to the recipient for more than four years.

Children of Members Scholarship rules and regulations

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of applications for Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s scholarships.

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 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale, or 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 and teacher recommendations 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 and letters of recommendation 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 and teacher recommendations. Other attachments like resumes and additional pages will not be considered.
9. Teacher recommendations must not exceed 500 words.
10. Letters of recommendation must specifically mention Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Children of Members 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/or Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and subsequently receive a full ride scholarship following the Children of Members scholarship competition must contact Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives to forfeit the scholarship.
12. The top ten 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 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 and/or Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. 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

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