



\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

2021 High School
Graduate Application

**Deadline for entry: postmarked
no later than February 12, 2021**



Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2021 Scholarship Program
High School Graduate

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Eligibility

To be eligible to compete for a Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., scholarship, an applicant:

1. Must be an active member of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., prior to submitting this scholarship application (or the applicant's parents or guardians must be active members);
2. Must graduate from high school during spring 2021.
3. Must meet academic requirements for admission to a college, university or technical school.
4. Must be attending an accredited college or a technical school as a full-time student fall 2021.
5. Must exemplify good citizenship.
6. Must submit a complete application prior to the deadline.

*Directors, employees, their immediate families, and previous Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. scholarship recipients **are not eligible to apply.***

Criteria

Please note the following when completing this scholarship application.

1. Faxed and/or e-mailed copies of this application will not be accepted.
2. **An incomplete application will not be reviewed and the applicant will receive a score of zero.**
3. The following **must** be submitted in **one** packet (envelope):
 - Cover Letter
 - Completed application
 - Transcript(s) and
 - Attendance record(s)
4. Application must be received at Southwestern Electric's headquarters at 525 US Route 40, Greenville, Illinois, postmarked no later than Friday, February 12, 2021. The application may be hand delivered to this location or it may be mailed in time to be received by the deadline to: Southwestern Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program, 525 US Route 40, Greenville, IL 62246.
5. The application must be neatly handwritten, word-processed or typed on this form. No additional information will be reviewed or considered.
6. **The narrative, however, must be handwritten by the student applicant.**
7. An interview of the applicant for selection purposes may be required.
8. Scholarship recipients are required to attend a reception (date to be determined) for the purpose of recording a video clip. The video will be used for promotional purposes and shared at Southwestern Electric Cooperative's 83rd Annual Meeting of Members, Saturday, September 11, 2021.
9. All decisions of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.
10. The scholarship award will be sent directly to the financial aid department of the recipient's chosen college or technical school, unless other arrangements are made.
11. Scholarship funding not utilized during the fall 2021 semester may be carried forward to the next semester. Otherwise, the remainder of the funds will be returned to Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

High School Graduate Scholarship Application Checklist

- Cover Letter:** You must submit a one-page cover letter (business letter format) requesting consideration of your scholarship application. You should include anything you would like the Scholarship Selection Committee to know which is not mentioned in any other part of the application.
 - Scholarship Deadline:** To be eligible for consideration, the complete application packet must be received at Southwestern Electric Cooperative's headquarters in Greenville postmarked no later than February 12, 2021.
 - Incomplete Applications:** Incomplete applications will receive a score of zero. If the question is not applicable to your situation, then so state it. Do not leave any questions blank.
 - How did you hear about the Power for Progress Scholarship Program?**
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Part A – Contact & Member Information

- Active Member:** Either you or your parent/guardian must be an active member of Southwestern Electric Cooperative.

Part B – Academic Information

- Transcript and Attendance Records:** An official copy of your transcript and your attendance record must be attached to this application. If absenteeism is above normal (more than four days during any semester beginning with your freshman year), please provide an explanation.

Part C – College/University/Technical School Information

- School(s) of Interest:** List school(s) to which you have applied and the status of your application. Also indicate which school is your first choice to attend.

Part D – Financial Information

- Financial Information:** Financial need is one aspect considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Please provide sufficient details in this section so that the Scholarship Selection Committee is able to make an appropriate determination of your financial need.

Parts E & F – Involvement and Achievement

- Complete Accordingly:** Southwestern Electric provides educational assistance to members so they can contribute effectively to the development of the cooperative. As a cooperative, we're concerned about our region and work for the sustainable development of our communities through policies accepted by our members.

Part G – Personal Narrative

- Narrative:** The narrative is an important part of this application. It is one way for the Scholarship Selection Committee to get to know you. The narrative must be handwritten by you **on this form**. The narrative must not exceed 500 words. Word count must be completed. Please refer to the narrative section of the application for details.

Part H – Statement of Applicant

- Signatures Needed:** You and your parent or legal guardian must sign the last page of this application (if you're a member of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, the parent or guardian signature isn't required).

Part A. – Contact & Member Information

I, _____, will graduate this spring and plan to continue my education in a college or a technical school starting in fall 2021. If I am chosen as a recipient of this program, I understand that in order to accept this award I must attend a two- or four-year accredited college or vocational institution approved by the Southwestern Electric Cooperative's Scholarship Selection Committee.

Southwestern Electric Member Information

SWECI Account # _____

Is your residence powered by Southwestern Electric Cooperative? Yes No

Account holder's name _____

Applicant's Contact Information

Name _____

Home Address _____
(Street or Road and/or P.O. Box)

(City, State, Zip)

Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Part B – Academic Information

High School Information

(Name of High School)

(Street and/or P.O. Box)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Telephone)

Date of Graduation _____ Date of Honors Program _____

GPA/Class Size & Rank

G.P.A. _____ Number in Class _____ Class Rank _____ How many share this rank? _____
(Please use a 4.0 base) (if applicable)

Transcript and Attendance Records

An official copy of your transcript and attendance record (beginning with your freshman year) must be attached to this application. If absenteeism is above normal (more than four days during any semester), please provide an explanation in the lines below. The number of unexcused absences in the first semester of your senior year is _____.

Standardized Test Scores

Please provide your highest A.C.T. and/or S.A.T. score:

A.C.T. _____ S.A.T. _____

If neither the A.C.T. nor the S.A.T. test was taken, please indicate why:

Part C. – College/University/Technical School Information

Proposed major _____

Please list the schools to which you have applied and the status of your application, beginning with your first choice of school to attend.

School Name	Location	Accepted	Pending
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Part D. – Financial Information

Family & Income

What was your family’s adjusted gross income from last year’s tax return? _____

How many dependents were claimed on your family’s previous year taxes? _____

Of this number of dependents, how many (excluding you) are children? _____

What are the children’s ages (excluding you)? _____

How many family members (excluding you) are currently attending college/technical school? _____

Where are they enrolled? _____

College/Technical School Costs & Support

How do you plan to pay for your first year of college/technical school? _____

Part E. – Involvement: School, Community, Volunteerism, Employment

School and/or Community Activities

List up to five school activities in which you have participated in the past three years, along with the number of years of membership or participation and any offices or leadership positions you held.

Organization or Activity	No. of Years	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Volunteerism

List significant volunteer work you have completed in the past three years and briefly describe your experience.

Employment

Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, list employer(s), type of work and approximately how many hours you work per week.

Were you employed during the summer? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, list employer(s), type of work and approximately how many hours you worked per week.

How do you spend your summer if you're not employed outside of the home? _____

Use this space to provide any additional information regarding your past employment experiences such as the employer's name, type of work and length of employment.

Part F. – Achievement: Honors, Awards, Positions

List up to five honors, awards (school, non-school and community) earned in the last three years and/or positions (either group leadership or workplace positions).

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Part G. – Personal Narrative

This personal narrative helps us become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. We are looking for an essay that will help us know you better as a person and as a student.

- **Your personal narrative is a principle factor in the evaluation of your application.**
- **Your narrative must be in your own words, in your own handwriting, using 500 words or fewer.**
- **Word count must be completed.**

How will you use your career/education to positively impact your community?
Please use these pages for the final draft of your personal narrative.

Part H. – Statement of Applicant

I certify that all information in my application, including my personal narrative, is my own work, factually true and honestly presented. For an applicant living at home, a parent’s or guardian’s signature is also required to confirm the statement.

Date _____ Signed _____
(Applicant)

Date _____ Signed _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____