



Columbia Rural Electric Association

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Academic Scholarship Program Application

Applicant Information

Last Name	First	M.I.	Date
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #	
City	State	ZIP Code	
Phone	E-mail Address		
Date of Birth	High School		

Proposed Higher Education Information

Interested Field of Study			
Intended Institute of Higher Learning			
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #	
City	State	ZIP Code	

Extra-Curricular School Activities

To authenticate your participation in the following, please provide a list of contact numbers for the supervisor of the activities and offices you've participated in.

High School		Activity	
From	To	Supervisor's Name	Phone
Other		Activity	
From	To	Supervisor's Name	Phone
Other		Activity	
From	To	Supervisor's Name	Phone
Other		Activity	
From	To	Supervisor's Name	Phone

Honors

Please describe any Honors you have received, both in and out of school.

Honor
Organization/School
Honor
Organization/School
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Organization/School

Honor
Organization/School

Offices

Please describe any Offices you have held, both in and out of school.

Office
Organization/School
Office
Organization/School
Office
Organization/School
Office
Organization/School

Community Activities

Please describe any Community Activities you have been involved in.

Activity
Community Event
Activity
Community Event
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Community Event
Activity
Community Event

Career Goals

Please describe the career goals you have set for yourself.

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Disclaimer and Signature

I am a high school graduate/graduating high school senior where I or my legal guardians are a member of, and have an active account where electrical service is provided by Columbia REA. I understand that I am required to submit a 500 word essay on the following topic:

Please choose one of the following essay topics below. The essay must be at least 500 words. Please type your selected essay topic at the top of your essay. In your own words, write an essay based on one of the following topics:

Please describe in your own words:

1. How would you get the American public more involved/aware of what is going on in the country?
2. Describe a book or article that has inspired you and why?
3. Describe the solutions you would propose to improve or resolve a current issue, such as healthcare, the economy, discrimination, etc.

*I have read and understand that my application and essay must be received by Columbia REA post-marked no later than **February 23, 2017** to be considered as a candidate for this year's scholarship program.*

I understand that, if selected to receive a Columbia REA scholarship, I must agree to personally accept the initial scholarship award at the next Columbia REA annual membership meeting to be held on April 20, 2017. I also agree to assist CREA Staff during the meeting with various tasks and to a presentation photo.

I understand that, if selected to receive a Columbia REA scholarship, I am eligible to receive it for four consecutive academic years provided I maintain at least a 2.75 GPA and remain enrolled as a student in good standing at an accredited educational institution. I will annually (by July 31 each year) provide my school transcript with GPA as proof that I remain eligible to receive the scholarship.

I understand that if I am awarded a Columbia REA scholarship and, for some unforeseen reason, am not able to continue with my education or training. I must notify the Columbia REA Member Services Department immediately so that one of the alternates may receive the scholarship.

Signature

Date

Columbia REA Member Information

CREA Member Name		Account No.
Relationship to Scholarship Applicant		
Street Address		Apartment/Unit #
City	State	ZIP Code

Please attach to the application, copies of your high school transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, a 500 word typewritten essay and two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from your high school) and return all materials post-marked no later than **February 23, 2017** to: Columbia REA, Attn: Charlotte Bouta, 2929 Melrose Street, Walla Walla, WA 99362 or reply to email at cbouta@columbiarea.coop. If you have any questions please call 509-526-4041.



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Academic Scholarship Program Overview

I Eligible Candidates

All members or dependents of members of Columbia REA with an active account served by the cooperative – excluding dependents of persons involved in the selection process.

II Student Qualification Conditions

- A. Applicant must be a high school graduate or graduating high school senior.
- B. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited educational or training institution.
 - 1. The candidate may be enrolled in any field of study.
 - 2. A candidate may use a scholarship at any accredited college, university or training institution. For the Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship, this requirement is applicable to any recognized Lineman training school.
- C. Applicant or parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the applicant must be a member of Columbia REA with an active account served by Columbia REA.
- D. Recipients must agree to personally accept the scholarship award at the Columbia REA annual meeting on April 20, 2017 and also assist CREA staff during the meeting and to a presentation photo.

III Application Procedure

- A. Applicants for scholarships must complete an application form and a 500 word typewritten essay on an assigned topic. Including transcripts, letters, SAT/ACT scores.
- B. All applications for the annual scholarship must be received by the submission deadline.

IV Selection Criteria

- A. General Selection Criteria will include the following considerations:
 - 1. Columbia REA membership eligibility.
 - 2. Submission of 500 word essay, as assigned.
 - 3. Grade Point Average (curriculum will be considered as well as grades).
 - 4. School and Community involvement.
 - 5. SAT or ACT Scores. A copy of applicant's ACT or SAT scores must be provided.
 - 6. Letters of recommendation. Two letters must be submitted, with at least one being from the applicant's high school.
- B. The following point scale will be utilized for determining the three recipients of the academic scholarships:

Description	Possible Points
School and Community Involvement	0 – 20
500 Word Essay	0 – 20
SAT or ACT Score	0 – 20
Grade Point Average	0 – 20
Letters of Recommendation	0 – 20
Total Possible Points	100

The applicant with the highest score will receive the \$1,500 Clark A. Brewington Memorial Scholarship. The next two highest scoring applicants will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each. These are continuing education scholarships not to exceed four (4) consecutive years.

V Limitations

- A. The recipient of a continuing education scholarship must have completed the number of credit hours necessary to be fully matriculated at the beginning of the term. This requirement is not applicable for the Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship.
- B. Scholarships will be awarded in four equal parts for one (1) academic year at a time for four (4) consecutive academic years commencing with the customary start of the first academic year following the award. This requirement is not applicable for the Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship.
- C. Access to the continuing educational scholarship fund is contingent upon continuous full-time enrollment in an accredited educational or training institution and shall be available for a period not to exceed four (4) consecutive academic years. This requirement is not applicable for the Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship.
- D. **Recipients of a continuing education scholarship must maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher to remain in the program. The student must provide Columbia REA with a transcript of their GPA from the school by July 31 of each year. This requirement is not applicable for the Jeff Meredith Memorial Scholarship.**
- E. Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipient's college, university or training institute of choice upon receipt by Columbia REA of appropriate evidence that the recipient has been accepted as a full-time student and has maintained applicable eligibility standards.
- F. Scholarship funds may be used to purchase books, but first priority use of funds must be to pay tuition. If money remains after tuition is paid, the candidate may purchase books and submit documented receipts to the college funds administrator to obtain reimbursement of such expense. Clothing, lodging, transportation, appliances, telephones, and food do not qualify for payment.
- G. Unused scholarship funds will be retained by Columbia REA. Unused funds may result if a recipient is over financed, ceases to be a student. Scholarship funds that have been sent to a college or university that are not used by a qualifying recipient shall be refunded to Columbia REA, not to the student.
- H. Scholarships are not transferable to another individual.