

2022 Children of Members Scholarship Instructions

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1. Open the scholarship application file at www.firelandsec.com using Adobe Acrobat Reader and save it.
2. Complete the first two pages using Adobe Acrobat Reader and save the file again.
3. Send the application via email, or print it, and give to a teacher and your guidance counselor to complete the faculty portion and letter of recommendation. It is preferred that the faculty sections are typewritten, but they may be handwritten if necessary.

Completed applications, including transcript and one letter of recommendation, must be received by Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022. Finalists will be selected to participate in an interview at the cooperative office located at 103 Industrial Drive, New London, on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022. Applicants will receive additional information in the mail and by email prior to that date.

Scholarship Guidelines

PURPOSE:

To encourage Ohio's youth to further their education and give them an opportunity to become more aware of careers in the electric cooperative industry.

FIRELANDS ELECTRIC CO-OP SCHOLARSHIPS:

- First place: \$1,800
- Second place: \$1,600
- Third place: \$1,400
- Fourth place: \$1,200
- Fifth place: \$1,000
- Sixth place: \$750
- Two Honorable Mentions: \$500 each
- Two Judges' Choice awards: \$500 each
- Technical-Trade Scholarship: \$750

The first-place winner from the Firelands Electric competition will advance to a competition at the statewide level for a chance to win additional scholarships worth up to \$3,900 from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC). **This individual must be available to interview on April 12, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio.**

RULES:

To be eligible for the OEC scholarships, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applications for Firelands Electric's scholarship program:

1. Applicants must reside in a permanent, residential home receiving service from Firelands Electric Cooperative for the duration of the 2021-2022 academic year (August 2021 - June 2022). Children whose parents/guardians are commercial members only are not eligible.
2. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational/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. *Note: This requirement is waived for the Technical-Trade Scholarship.*
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of **3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale** or an equivalent standing on a non-traditional scale for all scholarships except the Technical-Trade Scholarship, which requires a minimum GPA of **2.5 or above**.
4. Winners must be accepted and then enrolled in an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school of the students' choice when they are issued the award.
5. Members of the immediate families and persons residing in the households of trustees, managers, distribution co-op employees, and OEC or affiliated organizations (Buckeye Power, Inc., RESCO, etc.) employees are not eligible to participate in the competition.
6. Applications must be typed and submitted on forms furnished by **Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc.** All application materials must be received by Firelands Electric Cooperative via mail or email **before 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21, 2022.**
7. Application information must be confined to the official application form with only grade transcripts, one teacher recommendation, and a recent photo attached. The teacher 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 school of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from Firelands Electric or OEC. Applicants who win a Firelands or OEC scholarship and subsequently receive a full-ride scholarship following the Children of Members scholarship competition must contact the co-op immediately to forfeit this scholarship.
9. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by the co-op. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of Firelands Electric 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 (not including local co-ops) are not eligible to compete in this competition.
12. These rules (dated hereon) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

Children of Members Scholarship Rules

JUDGING:

For Firelands Electric's scholarship competition, the judges will score finalists up to a maximum of 40 points for scholastic record; 30 points for personal achievement and school and community activities; 20 points for personal interview with the judges; and 10 points for cooperative knowledge.

Please note that if we are unable to conduct in-person interviews in February due to COVID-19 restrictions, the co-op will make arrangements to hold them virtually.

Evaluation of cooperative knowledge will be conducted through a 2-3 question assessment asked during the interview process. These questions will be based on information from the Seven Cooperative Principles Training located at www.ohioec.org/orientation. Students are encouraged to complete this course, which takes approximately twenty minutes, prior to the day of interview judging.

MAIL, DELIVER, OR EMAIL THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

**Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P. O. Box 32
103 Industrial Drive
New London, OH 44851-0032
members@firelandsec.com**