

Big Bend Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program 2011-2012 School Year

Provisions for an Education Scholarship

A. Eligible Candidates

Candidates must either be members of Big Bend Electric Cooperative at the time of application and selection, or must have parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that are members of Big Bend Electric Cooperative at the time of application and selection. Candidates serving on the selection committee or whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are serving on the Selection Committee are not eligible.

B. Student Qualification Conditions

1. At the time of initial application the candidate must be a graduating high school senior.
2. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited educational or training institution.
 - a. The candidate may be enrolled in any field of study.
 - b. A candidate may use a scholarship at any accredited college, university or training institution.
3. Recipients must agree to personally accept the award of scholarship at a designated Big Bend Electric Cooperative meeting.

C. Limitations

1. Scholarships will be awarded for up to four (4) consecutive school years.
2. Scholarships will be paid directly to the candidate's accredited college, university or training institute of choice upon Big Bend Electric Cooperative's receipt of appropriate evidence that the candidate has been accepted as a full-time student and has maintained continuous full-time enrollment.
3. 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, transportation, appliances, telephones and food do not qualify for payment.
4. Unused scholarship funds will be retained by Big Bend Electric Cooperative. Unused funds may result if a student is over financed or if a recipient 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 Big Bend Electric

Cooperative, not to the student.

5. Scholarships are not assignable.

D. Initial Selection Criteria

1. General Selection Criteria will include the following considerations:
 - a. Big Bend Electric Cooperative membership eligibility.
 - b. This is a non-academic scholarship program. Students applying must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher; but no special consideration will be given for having a higher GPA.
 - c. Submission of a 500-650 word essay, as assigned. Topic is listed in the application form.
 - d. School, community and volunteer activities; honors and awards; work history (could include any on farm activities, agricultural projects, 4-H, FHA, FFA, FBLA, etc.).

E. Initial Application Procedures

1. Applicants for scholarships must complete an application form and a 500-650 word typewritten essay on an assigned topic.
2. The deadline for submitting the application and essay shall be set by the Review Committee of Big Bend Electric Cooperative.

This policy supercedes any existing policy which may be in conflict with the provisions of the policy.

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Application for an Education Scholarship

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Last First ML Mo/ Day/ Year

Address: _____ Phone: _____
_____ Soc. Sec. #: _____

High School: _____ High School Phone #: _____

High School Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Principal's Name: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative G.P.A.: _____

SAT/ACT Scores: _____ Home Schooled: Yes _____ No _____

Proposed Field of Study: _____

Intended Institute of Higher Learning: _____

Address of Institute: _____

I certify this applicant has a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher and is expected to graduate on time.

Counselor's signature or parental signature if home schooled. _____

Please list any Extra-Curricular Activities you have participated in: (Choir, Drama, Sports, etc.)

Please list any Honors and Awards you have received, both in and out of school:

Please list any Offices held, both in and out of school:

Please list any work history (could include any farm activities, agricultural projects, 4-H, FHA, FFA, etc.).

Please list any career goals you have set for yourself:

I am a high school senior and I, my parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members receiving electrical service from Big Bend Electric Cooperative. I understand that I am required to submit a 500-650 word essay entitled: **“The Cost of Saving Salmon: How have fish issues affected the electric utility industry in the Pacific Northwest.”** I have read and understand that my application and essay are to be submitted to Big Bend Electric Cooperative Inc., PO Box 348, Ritzville, WA 99169 **no later than February 1, 2012** or I will not be considered for the scholarship program. I understand that, if selected to receive a Big Bend Electric Cooperative scholarship, I must agree to personally accept the award at a designated Big Bend Electric Cooperative meeting. I understand that if I am awarded a Big Bend Electric Cooperative scholarship and for some unforeseen reason I am unable to continue my education or training, I must notify Big Bend Electric Cooperative immediately so that one of the alternates may receive the scholarship.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Account Number _____