



2027 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POWER YOUR FUTURE

We're making higher education dreams a reality with \$200,000 available for students like you! Tri-County Electric Cooperative (TCEC) is awarding 40 scholarships of \$5,000 each to high school seniors pursuing higher education.

Are You Eligible?

- Current high school senior graduating in 2027?
- Parent/guardian is a TCEC member?
- Planning to continue your education?
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- **You're eligible!**

Application Requirements:

Complete the online application with:

- Official Transcript
- Essay: 500-word maximum
- Professional Headshot
- Extracurricular Activities

Application Timeline:

Opens: October 15, 2026

Due: January 15, 2027, at 11:59 p.m.

Winners announced: April 2027

Questions?

Join us for a live Q&A session where you can ask questions directly to TCEC representatives.

November 2, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Visit tcectexas.com/scholarships and click "Attend Q&A Live Session."

The session will be recorded and posted online to view throughout the application process.



Olivia K.

*Weatherford High School
2026 Scholarship Recipient*

Required Items to Submit

1. Completed Online Application

- Basic personal information
- High school details
- TCEC member account information

2. Official High School Transcript

- Must show a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Must be official (with school seal/signature)
- PDF format

3. High School Accomplishments

- Two accomplishments from your high school years that you are proud to share with the scholarship committee and why.
- Type directly on the portal OR copy and paste your text into the portal.

4. Recent Headshot Photo

- High-resolution
- Professional quality (suitable for publicity)
- Digital format (JPG preferred)

5. Essay (500-word maximum)

The TCEC team works to embody 10 Essential Attributes that align with our values as a cooperative. These attributes are how we show up for our peers and members every day.

Your essay and application should demonstrate how you live out these values at home, at school, and in your community:

- **Collaborative:** Working together toward common goals
- **Humble:** Showing modesty while taking pride in your work
- **Resilient:** Adapting and overcoming challenges with grace
- **Engaged:** Demonstrating commitment to your community
- **Trustworthy:** Doing the right thing when no one's watching
- **Empathetic:** Understanding and supporting others' perspectives
- **Responsible:** Taking ownership of your actions and commitments
- **Reliable:** Following through consistently on your word
- **Communicative:** Listening actively and expressing yourself clearly
- **Coachable:** Being open to feedback and continuous learning



**Must be
received by
January 15,
2027!**

Essay Options

Choose one of four essay prompts. Type your essay directly on the portal OR copy and paste your text into the portal.

Option 1: Cooperative Values in Action

Describe a time when you demonstrated collaborative and responsible leadership to help your school, team, or community achieve something important while being mindful of resources. How do cooperative values align with your future goals?

Option 2: Reliability and Trust

Describe a situation where others were counting on you to deliver something important, even when facing challenges. How did you demonstrate reliability and resilience? How will you apply these qualities in your career?

Option 3: Safety and Service

Tell us about a time when you identified a potential problem or risk in your school or community and took action to address it. How did your empathetic and communicative approach create positive change?

Option 4: Member Mindset

Describe a time when you actively listened to different perspectives in your community and worked to find solutions that benefited everyone. How did you balance various viewpoints while staying focused on the common good?



Collaborative



Humble



Resilient



Engaged



Trustworthy



Empathetic



Responsible



Reliable



Communicative



Coachable

Before You Submit: Certification & E-Signature

Before you submit, you will be required to read and agree to each of the following statements:

- I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that false or misleading information may result in disqualification.
- I certify that my essay is my original work and is not plagiarized or written by artificial intelligence (AI).
- I meet all eligibility requirements (high school senior graduating in 2027, minimum 2.5 GPA, parent/guardian is an active TCEC member, and not an immediate family member of a TCEC Leadership Team member).
- I understand that scholarship funds will be distributed directly to my educational institution.
- I give TCEC permission to use my name and photo for publicity purposes if selected as a scholarship winner.



Brenley G., Kateleenn S., & Taylor T.
Peaster High School
2026 Scholarship Recipients

Submitting Your Online Application

Step 1: Complete the Online Form

- Visit tcectexas.com/scholarships.
- Click the online application link for the Class of 2027.
- Answer all required questions.
- Type your essay directly on the portal OR copy and paste it into the portal.
- Upload these files:
 - Official transcript (PDF)
 - Recent headshot photo (JPG/PNG)
- Click "Submit" to send your application to TCEC.

Important: Naming Your Files

- Always include your first and last name at the beginning of each filename.
- Label your transcript and photo clearly. For example,
Beth_Jones_Photo_2027.
- Acceptable formats are PDF for documents and JPG/PNG for photos.

Tips for a Strong Application

Start Early

- Begin your application when it opens.
- Give yourself time to gather transcripts and write a thoughtful essay.

Be Specific

- Use concrete examples in your essay.
- Describe two meaningful activities or accomplishments in detail.

Make Connections

- Link your experiences to TCEC's Essential Attributes.
- Demonstrate your understanding of the Cooperative's values.
- Explain how you'll apply these lessons in the future.

Proofread Everything

- Check for spelling and grammar errors.
- Have someone else review your essay.
- Ensure all information is accurate and complete.

Follow the Instructions

- Submit all required materials by the deadline.
- Contact us for assistance and clarification.

**Must be
received by
January 15,
2027!**

Eligibility

Q: Can I apply if I'm homeschooled?

A: Yes! You must meet the graduation and residency requirements and provide an official transcript.

Q: What types of schools can I attend with this scholarship?

A: Any accredited university, college, junior college, or technical school.

Q: Should I apply if my GPA is exactly 2.5?

A: Yes! Meeting the minimum makes you eligible. Focus on highlighting your strengths in other areas.

Application Process

Q: Can I save my application and finish it later?

A: Yes.

Q: Which essay prompt should I choose?

A: Choose the one that best showcases your experiences and demonstrates cooperative values. All prompts are equally weighted.

Application Checklist

Before starting the application, use the following checklist to make sure you have the required information:

- ☐ The essay prompt you selected.
- ☐ PDF of your official high school transcript.
- ☐ High-resolution headshot photo, saved as either a JPG or PNG file.
- ☐ Two accomplishments from your high school years or experience that you would be proud to share with the scholarship committee.
- ☐ Visit tcectexas.com/scholarships to begin your application!

Questions & Help

Email: communications@tcectexas.com | Website: tcectexas.com/scholarships