

Instructions

2008 Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship



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Application Instructions:

You may use Adobe Acrobat Reader to fill in the first three pages of this application. The completed application form can only be printed - you cannot save it with Acrobat Reader.

Print all four Application pages plus the last two pages of guidelines for two letters. Select a person to write a Letter of Recommendation and another person to write a Letter of Nomination. Give each writer the guideline sheet. It is preferred the application is typewritten or computer printed. Attached your Letter of Recommendation, Letter of Nomination, and high school transcript to the application.

Mail or deliver the application to North Western Electric (04125 State Route 576; Bryan, OH 43506) before February 29, 2008, at 5 p.m. Finalists will be selected from all the applicants and participate in a personal interview to be held at Northwest State Community College in March. You will be notified if your application is selected as a finalist.

Contest winners will be announced after the interview date. All applicants will be recognized at North Western Electric's Annual Meeting on April 5, 2008 at Edon High School, Edon. All applicants and their families are encouraged to attend.

Contest Rules:

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is the son, daughter or legal ward of North Western Electric Cooperative member at the time of the statewide competition. The applicant should be, at minimum, in the 60 percentile rank of his/her high school class with a minimum overall grade point of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).
2. Character: A Letter of Recommendation from an independent sponsor (school representative, church or community leader, etc.) that explains how the applicant's character has played a role in enabling him/her to succeed. Character traits such as integrity, innovation and accountability should be mentioned. Specific examples of situations that show these character traits and other strong traits are encouraged.
3. Special Achievements: A Letter of Nomination is required from a second independent sponsor outlining the nominee's relevant life experiences and traits which demonstrate determination in the face of adversity and/or commitment to community. Consideration will be given to nominees who have overcome personal or family obstacles, demonstrated achievement through personal initiative, good citizenship, etc.
4. Nominations must be submitted on forms furnished by North Western Electric Cooperative or from its website - www.nwec.com - and submitted by 5:00 p.m., February 29, 2008.
5. Submitted information will be the official nomination form, an official high school transcript, a Letter of Recommendation and a Letter of Nomination.
6. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. They must be accepted in the accredited college or proper vocational or technical school before the award will be given.
7. Any applicant who, at the time the awards are made, has received a full tuition scholarship to the school of his/her choice is not eligible for a scholarship from Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
8. At their discretion, the judges may choose not to award a scholarship.

Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship
Application Form

In cooperation with _____

(Cooperative)

Entries must be mailed to your Cooperative by their deadline

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE TYPED

Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Location address: _____

Parents' names: _____

Are your parents/guardians members of the electric cooperative? _____

Name of school and where located: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____

By what college or accredited technical school have you been accepted?

What will be your major or degree? _____

CHARACTER:

Give name, address, telephone number and position of the independent sponsor who wrote your Letter of Recommendation. (Attach letter to this form.) **Give the letter writer the attached guidelines to follow when writing the letter.**

Name of Sponsor _____

Address: _____ Telephone number _____

Organization _____ Position _____

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT:

High school scholastic record by years: Attach an official transcript of your grades (usually marked with an embossed school stamp).

(Data below is filled in by student using information verifiable by high school transcript.)

Number in Senior class: Girls _____ Boys _____

Class rank: Jr. Year _____ Sr. Year _____

*Cumulative Point Hour _____ (On 4.00 scale)

Cumulative Point Hour _____ (On weighted scale, IF applicable)

**ACT Composite _____

***PSAT-NMSQT Standing _____ (National percentile ranking)

* Example - 4.00 for straight "A" student

** American College Test

*** Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

List all scholarships won that apply toward college.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Give name, address, telephone number and position of the independent sponsor who is writing your Letter of Nomination. (Must be a different person from the one who wrote the Letter of Recommendation for character.)

Give the letter writer the attached guidelines to follow when writing the letter.

Name of Sponsor _____

Address: _____ Telephone number _____

Organization _____ Position _____

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

List the special achievements accomplished during your high school years either related to school activities or other than school activities.

ACTIVITY	NO. OF YEARS	REMARKS

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS: (other)

List other accomplishments that show leadership skills, citizenship achievements, work skills or unique challenges overcome to achieve an education:

Were there barriers that made it difficult for you to achieve your goals? If so, discuss them. (Confine information to application.)

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN

We have examined this application and the records are true, complete and accurate.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Applicant)

Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

(This page to be filled out by judges)

COOPERATIVE KNOWLEDGE:

TOTAL POINTS:

- _____ Scholastic Achievement (20)
- _____ Character (20)
- _____ Special Achievements (50)
- _____ Cooperative Knowledge (10)

Student's Name _____

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Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

Please give this guide sheet to the writer of the Letter of Recommendation

The Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship was created to reward those students who have committed themselves to the pursuance of a college education despite unique personal challenges which may have befallen them.

The Letter of Recommendation should clarify the special challenge(s) the student has dealt with and focus on the character traits that helped the student overcome the challenge(s).

The suggested outline will answer the following points:

1. How does the writer of the Letter of Recommendation know the applicant?
2. What is/are the unique challenge(s) the applicant has had to struggle with as he/she pursued an education? Include detail of the circumstances or situation and the length of time it existed.
3. What control did the applicant have over the challenge(s)?
4. What steps has the applicant taken to deal with the challenge(s)?
5. What character traits did the applicant use to help him/her triumph over the challenge(s)?
6. Other pertinent comments from the letter writer.
7. Overview: Why do you think the applicant should be awarded the scholarship?

Please return your completed letter to the student for attachment to the nomination form.

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3. What control did the applicant have over the challenge(s)?
4. What steps has the applicant taken to deal with the challenge(s)?
5. What outstanding accomplishments has the student achieved in spite of the challenge(s)?
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