

2023 Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship Instructions

Take page 3 of the application to your guidance counselor or principal to complete the faculty portion. It is preferred that page is typewritten; however, it may be handwritten if necessary.

Give the “Instructions for Letter of Recommendation – Character” to the person who will write this letter.

Give the “Instructions for Letter of Nomination – Special Achievements” to the person who will write this letter.

Applications and all required attachments must be received by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NVEC) by **4:00 p.m. on February 17, 2023**. Scholarship interviews will be held on **March 14, 2023** at Defiance College and all eligible applicants are required to participate on that day in order to be considered for the scholarship award. Additional information will be mailed to the applicants prior to that date regarding specific interview times.

Scholarship Details

PURPOSE:

The **Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship** has been created to reward those students who have committed themselves to the pursuance of a college education despite unique and substantial personal challenges which may have befallen them. This special scholarship rewards students expressing the same values in their lives as the Touchstone Energy® brand:

- **Accountability** – the applicant demonstrates a high level of maturity through accountability for their actions;
- **Integrity** – the applicant expresses highest standards of character;
- **Innovation** – the applicant demonstrates innovation and determination in coping with their circumstances;
- **Commitment to Community** – the applicant has good citizenship traits and a record of contribution to their local community.

SCHOLARSHIPS: One winner will receive a **\$1,000** cash award. The award is non-renewable.

RULES:

1. Applicants must be the son, daughter, or legal ward of a permanent residential NVEC member-owner receiving service for the duration of the 2022-2023 academic year (August 2022 - June 2023). Children/wards of NVEC’s commercial member-owners are not eligible unless one of their parents/legal guardians is also a permanent residential NVEC member-owner.
2. Applicants must be graduating seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or 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.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of **2.75 or above** on a 4.0 scale, or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
4. Winners must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or proper vocational/technical school of the student’s choice to claim their scholarship. Winners,

RULES (cont.):

who are accepted and then enrolled in an accredited school of nursing, working toward a degree, are also eligible.

5. **Character:** A Letter of Recommendation is required from an independent sponsor (e.g., school representative, church or community leader, etc.) that explains how the applicant's character has played roles 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.
6. **Special Achievements:** A Letter of Nomination is required from a second independent sponsor outlining the applicant's relevant life experiences and traits that clearly demonstrate determination in the face of adversity and/or commitment to community. Consideration will be given to applicants who have overcome substantial personal or family hardships and have demonstrated achievement through personal initiative and good citizenship.
7. Members of the immediate families and persons residing in the households of trustees, managers, or employees of NWECC are not eligible to participate in the competition.
8. Applications must be submitted on forms provided by NWECC or downloaded from www.nwec.com/scholarship-programs and must be submitted to the NWECC office by **4 p.m. on February 17, 2023.**
9. Application information must be confined to the official application form. The only attachments permitted are grade transcripts, one Letter of Recommendation and one Letter of Nomination, the guidelines for which are attached.
10. Applicants who receive "full-ride" scholarships (i.e., scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, room, board and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for scholarships from NWECC.
11. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year following the student's high school graduation. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause, in the judgment of the President/CEO of NWECC. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
12. Personal interviews will be conducted with eligible applicants. Applicants are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (e.g., electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
13. All rules stated within this document conform to the policies and program guidelines as set forth by NWECC.
14. These rules (dated heron) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

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JUDGING:

The judges, following personal interviews with each eligible applicant, will score up to a maximum of 50 points for special achievement, 20 points for scholastic achievement, 20 points for character, and 10 points for cooperative knowledge, based on an online training course which can be found at www.ohioec.org/orientation. A transcript of the course can be downloaded for study purposes once you have completed the course online.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND LETTERS TO:

NWECC Scholarship Coordinator, 04125 State Route 576, PO Box 391, Bryan, OH 43506

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER OF NOMINATION - SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Please give this guide sheet to the writer of the Letter of Nomination - Special Achievements.

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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

A Letter of Nomination is required from an independent sponsor outlining the applicant's relevant life experiences and traits that clearly demonstrate determination in the face of adversity and/or commitment to community.

The Letter of Nomination should clarify the special challenge(s) the student has dealt with and focus on the achievements that the student has made in spite of the difficulties. The suggested outline will answer the following points:

- How does the writer of the Letter of Nomination know the applicant?
- What is/are the unique challenge(s) the applicant has had to struggle with as he/she pursued an education? Include details of the circumstances or the situation and the length of time it existed.
- What control did the applicant have over the challenge(s)?
- What steps has the applicant taken to deal with the challenge(s)?
- What outstanding accomplishments has the applicant achieved in spite of the challenge(s)?
- Other pertinent comments from the letter writer.
- Overview: Why do you think the applicant should be awarded the scholarship?

***Limit letter to one page, please.
It is preferred that the letters be typewritten or computer printed.***

Please return your completed letter to the student for attachment to the application form prior to the application deadline (Friday, February 17, 2023).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION - CHARACTER

Please give this guide sheet to the writer of the Letter of Recommendation – Character.

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CHARACTER

A Letter of Recommendation is required from an independent sponsor (e.g., school representative, church or community leader, etc.) that explains how the applicant's character has played roles in enabling him/her to succeed. Character traits such as integrity, innovation and accountability should be mentioned.

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:

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

***Limit letter to one page, please.
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Deadline Date: February 17, 2023

1.) Have you received a “Full Ride” scholarship to the school of your choice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2.) Is your parent/legal guardian a permanent residential member-owner of <u>North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered Yes to question 1 and/or No to question 2 – Thank you for your interest in our scholarship, but you do not qualify.		

PAGES ONE, TWO AND FOUR OF THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED TO BE ACCEPTED.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Parents' Phones: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

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

Major(s)?

**An Official School Transcript, one Letter of Recommendation,
and one Letter of Nomination must be attached before submitting to NVEC.**

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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

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

Activity	# 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 the space below.)

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN

We have examined this application and the records are true, complete and accurate. In addition, we acknowledge and agree that North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. may disclose any or all of the information contained in this application and the supporting documents and letters of recommendation and nomination, or otherwise provided in connection with this application, to the judges of the scholarship competition and to any employees of North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Date

Applicant

**Must be original
handwritten signatures**

Parent / Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

These signatures are to be affixed prior to forwarding the application to high school officials.



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This page may be typed or hand written.
This page is to be completed by the High School Principal or Counselor.

Scholarship Applicant's Name: _____

SCHOLASTIC RECORD

High school scholastic record by years: Attach transcript of applicant's grades signed by school official.
Applicant's information must be confined to the official application form with no attachments other than
grade transcripts and a copy of grade point scale, if applicable.

Class Rank: Junior Year ____/____ Senior Year ____/____
out of # # out of

Cumulative Grade-Point Average: _____ (must be 2.75 or above)

Since grade-point scales vary by district, please provide a brief explanation of your school's grade-point
scale (e.g. "out of a possible 4.0") or include a copy and /or description of the scale with the transcript:

ACT Composite (if applicable): _____

SAT Composite (if applicable): _____

List Scholastic Awards Won: (Local, county, district or state)

Print Name: _____ Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Official School Transcript Must be Attached.

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THE SAME PERSON MAY NOT WRITE BOTH LETTERS.

Scholarship Applicant's Name: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Give the letter sponsor a copy of the instructions to follow when writing this Letter of Recommendation.

CHARACTER *(Attach letter to this form)*

Give name, address, telephone number and position of the independent sponsor who wrote your Letter of Recommendation.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Organization: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

LETTER OF NOMINATION

Give the letter sponsor a copy of the instructions to follow when writing this Letter of Nomination.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS *(Attach letter to this form)*

Give name, address, telephone number and position of the independent sponsor who wrote your Letter of Nomination.

Name of Sponsor: _____

Organization: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

One Letter of Recommendation and one Letter of Nomination must be attached.

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