

Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program

Rules and Instructions

1. **Up to three \$500 scholarships will be given annually to students who show commitment to community by volunteering in organizations or events in the community, church, etc.**
2. The recipient shall be a graduating high school senior in the application school year (August 2023 – May 2024). There will be no discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, or disability.
3. The recipient shall be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school within 12 months.
4. The recipient shall be a U.S. citizen or resident alien living in a home *currently served by Franklin REC* (i.e., if a minor, his/her parents/guardians must be members).
5. Those individuals not eligible for scholarships are children and grandchildren of directors and/or employees of Franklin REC.
6. Applications must be received on or before **Monday, March 4, 2024**. Scholarship winners will be contacted and must attend the Franklin REC annual meeting tentatively TBD - April 2024 at the Franklin County Convention Center, Hampton, Iowa, to receive the scholarship.
7. Scholarship checks will be made payable to the student in the second semester of college after enrollment documentation is provided. Checks must be used for educational costs.
8. **The personal letter is extremely important to the Scholarship Committee and MUST accompany the application form.** Please be sure to include your educational goals, work and personal experiences, extra curricular activities, community involvement experiences, scholastic awards, and any special circumstances surrounding the application that you feel we need to consider. We also require a short statement on why cooperatives are important.
9. **Three people must complete separate copies of the “Character Evaluation and Recommendation Form”.** These references cannot be relatives. At least one of the references must be the high school superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, high school teacher or advisor. One must be from a person in the community (i.e. minister, employer, neighbor, etc.) that you have worked with on community project(s). The other one is at your discretion.
10. **Three scholarship winners will be chosen from the qualified applications received.**

The application, three references, and personal letter must be received no later than **Monday, March 4, 2024**.

Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship Application Form for Scholarship Award

Please type or print legibly. Form must be received by **Monday, March 4, 2024**

Return form to:
Scholarship Committee
Franklin REC
1560 Highway 65, PO Box 437
Hampton IA 50441

*******Applicant Information*******

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Phone No. (_____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes _____ No _____

*******Family Information*******

Parents/Guardians are members of Franklin REC – Yes _____ No _____

Name of Applicant's Father/Guardian _____

Name of Applicant's Mother/Guardian _____

Name one person who will always be responsible for your current address and will be responsible to provide it to the Scholarship Committee upon request:

Name

Address

City Zip Code

*******School Information*******

What is the name and address of the school you have chosen to attend?

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____

What is your chosen field or area of interest? _____

*******High School Information*******

I am currently attending _____
High School City

*******References Information*******

List the names and addresses of three personal references. These references must not be relatives. At least one of these must be the high school superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, high school teacher or advisor. One must be from a person in the community (i.e., minister, employer, neighbor, etc.) that you have worked with on community projects. The other one is at your discretion. Please ask each of them to fill out the accompanying recommendation form and have them send it directly to the Franklin REC Scholarship Committee at the Franklin REC, PO Box 437, Hampton, IA 50441.

Educator _____
Name Address City Zip Code

Community Person _____
Name Address City Zip Code

Other _____
Name Address City Zip Code

*******Application Information*******

To complete your application, the Scholarship Committee must receive:

- 1. Complete application form
- 2. Three completed "Character Evaluation and Recommendation Forms"
- 3. A personal letter stating your educational goals, commitment to community, etc. (See item 8 of Rules and Instructions)

All information supplied by the applicants will be considered confidential.

THE COMPLETE APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL WILL BE RETAINED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AS A PERMANENT RECORD OF THE APPLICANT.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD.

If you have any questions regarding the application form or accompanying documents, please call:

Christy Mason
Administrative Assistant
Phone: 641-456-2557
Email: cmason@franklinrec.coop

**Franklin Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship
Character Evaluation and Recommendation Form**

(Must be received by Monday, March 4, 2024)

Applicant's Name _____

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Cooperation/Personality: Consider willingness and ability to work with people in various capacities; interactions with people.

Initiative/Judgment, Common Sense: Consider resourcefulness, ingenuity, and foresight in making everyday decisions.

Leadership/Reliability: Consider ability to motivate a group of people in a desired direction, as well as dependability, willingness, and honesty.

Commitment to Community (Volunteerism): Consider the willingness to show commitment to their community and ability to volunteer in the community, school, church, etc.

Additional Comments:

Signature of Reference: _____

Please Print Name: _____

Title: _____

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