

# MECA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of an electric cooperative. The electric cooperative must be a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box/RR                      City, State, Zip

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING/ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANKING: \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/SCHOOL  
PLANNING TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACH INFORMATION IN REGARD TO:

- AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED
- ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY
- HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE EMPLOYMENT (List employer, position, hours worked weekly, school year employment, and/or summer employment.)

PERSONAL STATEMENT: (Write about how your school/community/work activities will influence your goals and career choice. This statement should be no more than two, double-spaced typed pages.)

ATTACH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS AND ACT OR SAT SCORES: (If college freshman, include high school transcript.)

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: (One letter of recommendation.)

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE TO  
YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CRITERIA AND RULES FOR JUDGING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

### **CRITERIA**

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| 1. | Personal Statement              | 25% |
| 2. | School and Community activities | 25% |
| 3. | Grade Point Average             | 25% |
| 4. | ACT/SAT Scores                  | 25% |

### **RULES**

1. The applicants or parent/guardian **MUST** be a member of an electric cooperative. The cooperative **MUST** be a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.
2. The applicant must be either a graduating high school senior entering his/her freshman year in college or vocational technical training institution or a student entering another year of **undergraduate** schooling. Those students seeking a master degree are not eligible.

# **MECA GUIDELINES**

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WILL BE TWO \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS**

- The applicant must submit a completed application form which is available at each local rural electric cooperative. Applicants or parent/guardian must be a member of an electric cooperative. The electric cooperative must be a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA). The applicant must also detail how applicant's school/community/work activities will influence his/her goals and career choice. One letter of recommendation should also be submitted with the application.
- The scholarship applicant may be either a graduating high school senior entering his/her freshman year at a college or vocational technical school, or a current college undergraduate student. Graduate students are ineligible.
- The scholarship may be used at a Montana college/university or vocational technical school, or at an out-of-state institution.
- All applications must be submitted to the local rural electric cooperative. In this case: McCone Electric Co-op., Inc., P.O. Box 368, Circle, MT 59215-0368
- Selection of scholarship recipients will be based as follows:
  - PERSONAL STATEMENT
  - SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
  - GRADE POINT AVERAGE
  - ACT/SAT SCORES
- The individual electric cooperatives will select scholarship finalists. The MECA Scholarship Committee will then choose the two scholarship recipients from the list of finalists.
- A scholarship certificate announcing the award will be presented to recipients in May, in time for recognition during graduation ceremonies (if applicable). Scholarship funds will not be dispersed until proof of enrollment in the college/university or vocational technical school is received by MECA. Once proof of enrollment is received, the monies will be sent directly to the financial aid office of the chosen school. Scholarships must be claimed by December 31, of that year or the money will be forfeited.
- The scholarships are funded from donations provided in memory of rural electric directors, employees and friends.