



*Lake Region Electric Cooperative offers two scholarships within LREC's service territory. The scholarships assist students in furthering their education and promote understanding, support, acceptance, and involvement in LREC. These scholarships help to instill high morals, leadership, self-esteem, and confidence so these individuals will be the type of citizens to lead our communities and country in the future. LREC will award scholarships to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are selected by the Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are for individuals pursuing full-time enrollment at a four-year university or college academic degree program, a two-year associate degree, or a technical institute certificate program.*

## **Purpose**

The Scholarships provide financial assistance to qualified individuals seeking a college, university degree, or technical education certificate.

## **Scholarship Award**

LREC will award **(2) \$2,500 scholarships. (Eligible for in-state or out-of-state)**

## **Eligibility Requirements**

This opportunity is restricted to high school seniors residing in or attending school in the LREC Service area.

Applicants must meet the academic and other requirements to enter an accredited school or educational institution.

Must be enrolling in a course of study related to a position or career within the electric cooperative structure. (A list of jobs/careers is attached on a separate sheet.)

Applicants applying for scholarships to an accredited college or university must be enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours or equivalent to be classified as full-time students.

Applicants selected to service schools, such as West Point, Air Force Academy, etc., are given tuition-free assistance and will be ineligible for the LREC scholarship program.

### **Scholarship Selection Committee**

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of individuals well-versed in the business structure of the electric cooperatives. All scholarship awards will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee, and the committee's decision is final. Winners will be announced on the same day as the interviews.

### **Scholarship Process**

The scholarship process will be a 2-part process.

1. Applicants must complete an application and a 500-800 (max word) typed essay to be considered for the scholarship. LREC will require a hard copy and a digital copy of the essay.
  - a. The essay topic will be **“How is LREC enhancing the quality of life for its members.”**
2. The Marketing Director, Youth Coordinator, and another LREC staff member will review the applications and essays, and the top 15 applicants will advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the scholarship process, consisting of an in-person interview before a panel of 3 judges. (Applicants will be asked questions regarding the Oklahoma Electric Cooperatives, educational plans, current events, etc.).

Selected participants must be in person for the interview.

A Coop 101 handbook will be available as a resource tool for participants.

Scholarship cash awards will be allocated at the start of the semester. To qualify, participants must provide evidence of being enrolled full-time, including at least one class in a field associated with a career in an electric cooperative.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact JuaNita Keener at 918-772-6940