



2017 BLUEBONNET SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE — ACADEMIC

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative will award 25 \$2,500 Scholarships of Excellence to eligible high school seniors graduating in 2017. The scholarship is for students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree from a university or college or an associate degree from a community or junior college.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE

To be considered for a Bluebonnet academic scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a 2017 graduating senior of a high school or an accredited Home Extended Studies program.
- Live in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and whose primary residence is in Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within Bluebonnet's service area)
- Provide a copy of current original high school transcript with class size, ranking and have a GPA of 2.75 or higher (based on an 85-100 point scale).
- Turn in a 2017 Bluebonnet Scholarship of Excellence application, which is available from high school counselors and vocational instructors, at Bluebonnet's five Member Service Centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor or at bluebonnet.coop (click on Community, then Scholarships). The application must be signed and delivered to a Member Service Center or postmarked by **5 p.m. March 3, 2017**.

STUDENT APPLICATION JUDGING CRITERIA

Applicants must write essays of 150 words or less addressing four questions listed in the following pages.

Applicants attend interviews with scholarship judges if requested.

INSTRUCTIONS / INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship of Excellence requirements and applications are available through area high school counselors, Bluebonnet's Member Service Centers and online at bluebonnet.coop (click on Community, then Scholarships). The application form is easy to complete and print. Applicants must complete the form online, then print it and submit it to Bluebonnet for consideration.

- All applications must be typed, signed, addressed to Bluebonnet's Scholarship Committee and dropped off at a Bluebonnet Member Service Center in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart or Manor or mailed to P.O. Box 729, Bastrop, TX, 78602. Applications must be delivered or postmarked by 5 p.m. March 3, 2017.
- All applications and attachments become the property of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. and will not be returned. Recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 14, 2017.
- The Scholarship Awards Reception for recipients will be Monday, April 24, 2017, at 6 p.m. at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave., Bastrop.

REVIEW AND JUDGING PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed and verified by Bluebonnet's Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

The \$2,500 scholarship will be paid in a lump sum to the financial aid, scholarship or business office of the university or college or community or junior college the recipient will attend. The payment will be made in July 2017 and will be applied to the recipient's school account.