

## 2023 Scholarship Application

Deadline, March 15, 2023

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Scholarships are only available to active cooperative members and immediate family living in the home, or current Deaf Smith Electric employees and dependents. A copy of a current DSEC bill is required for members.
- Applicants must be high school seniors, college or vocational students who did not receive the scholarship prior to high school graduation, or those wishing to continue their education after an extended absence.
- Scholarships are available for attendance at state supported universities, private universities, junior colleges, or vocational schools.

### Scholarship Application Requirements

- The completed application is due to DSEC offices no later than March 15th. Awards will be announced no later than 60 days from this date.
- Applicant must provide 3 letters of recommendation from 3 different sources. Only one from any school employee (this includes teachers, coaches, counselors and other school district or college staff), one from employer, one from community activities leader, church, mentor, etc. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.
- High school students must submit an official 7-semester transcript (includes fall semester grades) and a dual credit transcript if applicable. College students must submit an official transcript of their most recently completed college courses.
- ACT and/or SAT test results. If these are included on the high school transcript, a separate copy isn't needed.
- A copy of most current DSEC bill.

- A student resume including the following information: Academic honors and awards; school-related honors/club memberships/activities/offices/positions; Civic/church/volunteer/community activities and achievements; and work experience. (see example)

## **General**

- Payment will be made when the recipient has fulfilled eligibility requirements and enrollment has been verified. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the school through the registrar's office. Your schedule and current GPA must be received by DSEC no later than September 1st for the fall semester.
- Refund of payment will become due to DSEC should the recipient fail to enter school as enrolled, fail to complete the semester, or withdraw while eligible for the scholarship award.
- Scholarship award will be divided equally between semesters.
- Your Spring schedule and fall transcript reflecting hours and GPA for the previous semester are due to our office no later than February 1st for the spring semester. The second semester payment will be made when the recipient continues to meet the eligibility criteria below:
  - Maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 based on a 4-point system.
  - Be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student.
- Scholarships are awarded to eligible applicants one time only.

## **Selection Criteria**

Selection will be based on the following primary criteria: current GPA; academic honors; school activities; and community engagement. Secondary criteria includes: current written essay; class rank, SAT/ACT scores; and recommendation letters.

## **Recipients**

Recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale and be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student.



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## Scholarship Application

Parts 1-8 of this application must be fully completed. The accompanying essay and resume must be typewritten.

### Part 1 Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 2 Family & Member Account Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation

Number of dependent children in family, including yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

DSEC Account Number (Please attach most current bill) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Relationship to Member or staff: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part 3 School Related Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School:

\_\_\_\_\_  
College, trade school planning on attending  
(First Choice)

\_\_\_\_\_  
College, trade school planning on attending  
(Second Choice)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Major or Field of Study:

Are you pursuing a 2-year, 4-year degree or trade certificate (check one)

Have you applied for admission? Y/N Have you been accepted? Y/N

## **Part 4 Student Resume**

Please attach a student resume including the following information: Academic honors and awards; school-related honors/club memberships/activities/offices/positions; Civic or church volunteer community activities and achievements; and work experience. (see example)

## **Part 5 Essay**

In no more than 500 words, write an essay describing yourself, including but not limited to your plans for the future, your goals (educational, professional and personal), why you have chosen your particular field of study, and why you feel like you deserve this scholarship above other candidates.

## **Part 6 Letters of Recommendation**

Provide 3 letters of recommendation addressing DSEC and why you should be chosen for this scholarship. They must be from three (3) different sources - only one from any school employee (this includes teachers, coaches, counselors and other school district or college staff), one from employer, one from community activities leader, church, mentor, etc. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.

## **Part 7 School Academic Standing**

Please provide a certified copy of your transcript.

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Class: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA on 4.0 scale: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 8 Acknowledgements

To qualify, I am aware that I must be an active member or dependent of an active member of DSEC or an employee or dependent of an employee. I also am permanent resident in DSEC's service area and must live at the service address of the account. I declare that the accompanying essay and application are solely my own work product.

I am aware that if I am awarded a scholarship, I must provide DSEC with proof of full-time (at least 12 hours) enrollment from a recognized institute of higher learning and the funds will be paid directly to the institute. Scholarship funds must be dispersed by February 1st or they will be forfeited.

I agree to permit the review of the application by anyone representing DSEC or it's appointed scholarship committee. If selected as a winner I give permission for my name and photo to be used and published in any and all electronic and print promotions, and news publications related to the scholarship award. I am also aware that applications not following directions, late applications or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of member: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Scholarship Application Checklist

Application is not complete without each of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application

\_\_\_\_\_ 7 Semester Transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT Scores

\_\_\_\_\_ Three (3) letters of recommendation. One each from different sources, school employee one only, employer, community, church, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Resume

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of most current DSEC bill

**Please return the completed application to:**

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Scholarship Fund

Box 753

Hereford, Texas 79045

or via email at **[communications@deafsmith.coop](mailto:communications@deafsmith.coop)**

Or you may submit them via our website at **[www.deafsmith.coop](http://www.deafsmith.coop)**