

## 2024 Scholarship Application

Deadline, March 15, 2024

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Scholarships are **only** available to active cooperative members and immediate family living in the home, or current co-op 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 trade 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. **Ex: a letter from a teacher and a letter from a coach will not be accepted**), 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 recent photo (headshot preferred) to be used for media and social networks.
- 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 proof of enrollment must be received by DSEC no later than **August 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 **January 2nd** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing 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 (please circle 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_



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## 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 January 15th or they will be forfeited.

I agree to permit the review of the application by anyone representing DSEC or its 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. (Ex. If you submit a letter from your English teacher and one from your school counselor, your application will be discarded. **Only one recommendation from ANY school employee)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Resume (**must be in same format as example**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Essay

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Photo

**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)**. If choosing to submit via email, **all materials must be in PDF format, except the photo, which must be a JPG OR PNG. Applications received in other formats will not be accepted.**

# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RESUME

Place your contact information here (name, address, phone number, email address)

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Write something about yourself here (but not this), such as: Motivated student (3.6/4.0) who demonstrates strong work ethic and creative ability. Seeking to leverage my academic abilities, participation in various organizations, both in-school and outside of school, in addition to several academic honors, to receive a scholarship from Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

## EDUCATION

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Put your school info here:

**Ex. Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, CA**

Senior

- **GPA:** 3.6 / 4.0

## SCHOOL RELATED CLUBS, HONORS, MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES, OFFICES AND POSITIONS

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**Examples of this include:** yearbook staff, student council, sports, FFA and vocational organizations (not 4-H), robotics (these are things you participate in during the school day/year and are school sanctioned clubs)

## CIVIC, CHURCH, VOLUNTEER, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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**Examples of this include:** Food Pantry Volunteer, Youth group leader, Eagle Scout. Things you do on your own time, outside of school. 4-H and extension activities go here.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

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**Examples of this include:** National Honor Society, top 5%, Honor Society, Honor Roll. These are awards you receive for your academic work/performance.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Did you have a job? Put all that info here.** Ex. 2020-2023 Lifeguard at city pool; 2019-2020 Cashier at Dairy Queen

**Note: You can retype this form and submit it, however, it must stay in this exact order with the exact same headings. If it is submitted incorrectly, your application will be disqualified.**