DEAF SMITH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
2020

Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of $1,000 per semester for two semesters for a total of $2,000. The second semester award will be subject to confirmation that the requirements of grade point average and enrollment obtained during the first semester have been met. Scholarships will be awarded one time only, to eligible applicants.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants may be traditional high school seniors, college students that did not receive the scholarship their senior year, or those wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. The scholarships are available to active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., and members or their immediate family, if their account is currently active and in good standing.

2. Scholarships are available for attendance at state supported universities, private universities, Junior colleges, or vocational schools.

3. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, be of good character as evidenced by three (3) letters of recommendation from three different sources. Only one from any school employee, one from employer, one from community activities leader, church, etc. (the committee members see this part of the application as a very critical aspect for awarding the scholarship). For applicants returning to school after an extended absence, or college students reapplying, letters will be accepted from current college officials, previous employers, supervisors, ministers, etc. but the information needs to be current to scholarship application process, not post high school graduation information, and meet the above various source rule.

4. Selection will be based on the following primary criteria: Current Grade Point Average; Ranking in class, Current Community, or College activities; Service Work; Recommendations. Secondary criteria will include: current Written Essay; SAT/ACT Scores; and Academic Honors

5. Scholarship money will be advanced directly to the school selected by the recipient.

6. Applications must be received no later than MARCH 6TH, 2020. Awards will be announced within sixty days (60) days of this date.

Recipients:

1. Recipient must maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average on a 4.00 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours, or as in the case of a vocational school, considered by the registrar to be a full-time student.

Send Applications to: Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Scholarship Fund
Box 753
Hereford, Texas 79045

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Name____________________________ Soc. Sec.#________________ Telephone__________________

Address____________________________ City_____________________ State____ Zip____________

Father/Husband Name______________________ Mother/Wife Name_________________________

Occupation____________________________ Occupation_______________________________

Number of dependent children in your family, including applicant _____ email ________________

Are you or your immediate family active members or active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc.? ________________

If yes, give name(s) and address under which account is billed________________________________

Which school do you plan to attend or are attending?

1st. choice____________________________ 2nd. choice_______________________________

Have you applied for admission? _____ Are you currently in high school?_____ college?_______

7th semester high school class academic ranking-- # _____in a class of _____students.

Grade point average ________

List academic honors received in high school or college: _________________________________

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School related clubs, activities, achievements: _________________________________

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Community clubs, activities, volunteer service achievements:

__________________________________________________________

Work Experience:
Please compose an essay of approximately 100 words --“My future life plans and how this scholarship will aid me.”

In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must maintain above average grades (at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale), be considered a full-time student, and demonstrate acceptable standards of citizenship and character to qualify for the second semester’s scholarship money.

Signed _________________________________    Date________________________

This application must be accompanied by:

   An official transcript from the school the Applicant has most recently attended, a copy of SAT/ACT scores (if available), and three letters of recommendation from three different sources.

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship Fund.

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Signature of Applicant            Signature of Parent or Guardian

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST
Application is not complete without each of the following:

_____ Completed two-page application

_____ Transcript from last school attended (include SAT/ACT scores if available)

_____ College only (need current college information)

_____ Three (3) letters of recommendation. One each from different sources, school employee one only, employer, community, church, etc. Please have the recommendation writer identify themselves and their occupation.

_____ Please select your top honors and achievements, as quality is more important than quantity. Include only the information asked for. Please do not include extra pages.

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