



2025 Traditional Scholarship Rules

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s scholarships encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The cooperative awards the scholarships below to high school seniors attending four-year colleges after graduation. Applicants must have a weighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and must be involved in school and community activities. The top applicants will participate in interviews with judges and will receive a scholarship from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative.

Scholarship applicants must be high school seniors, be the child or legal ward of a Butler Rural Electric Cooperative member, and live in a home receiving electric service from the cooperative. The application deadline is February 3, 2025. Applications must be at the cooperative’s office by February 3, not postmarked by this date

2025 Traditional Scholarship Amounts

Michael L. Sims Scholarship Recipient will compete for up to \$4,600 in additional scholarships from Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives	\$2,500 each year throughout college career for up to four years
Thomas Humbach Scholarship	\$3,000
R. Fred Woodruff Scholarship	\$3,000
\$2,000 scholarship	\$2,000
\$1,000 scholarships	\$1,000 each

Michael L. Sims Scholarship

The top-scoring scholarship recipient will receive the Michael L. Sims Scholarship, which awards \$2,500 to the recipient each year throughout their college career for up to four years. The recipient must maintain a weighted 3.5 GPA throughout their college career to continue receiving this scholarship. If the recipient’s weighted GPA falls below 3.5, the recipient will forfeit the scholarship. The student will not be eligible to receive the scholarship in subsequent years once they forfeit the scholarship. The recipient will not receive the scholarship for more than four years.

Rules and regulations

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of applications for Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s scholarships.

1. Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a Butler Rural Electric Cooperative residential member living in a residence receiving electricity from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative.

The address on the applicant's official school transcript will determine if the applicant lives in a home served by the cooperative. Grandchildren and other relatives of cooperative members are not eligible unless the applicant is the legal ward of the member.

2. Children and legal wards of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's commercial members are not eligible unless their parents or guardians are also residential members.
3. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. A proper vocational or technical school is a post-secondary institution where credits can transfer to a state-accredited four-year college. College students and students who are beginning their college career but are not high school seniors are not eligible.
4. Applicants must have a weighted grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale or equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
5. Applicants cannot be immediate family members of, or reside with, people who are employed by an electric cooperative in Ohio. This includes employees, board members, managers, and affiliated organizations such as Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Buckeye Power, RESCO, and Cardinal Operating Company. Immediate family members include children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and step grandchildren.
6. Applicants must use the official scholarship application. Do not alter the application – you must use the original application and the space provided. If the application is altered, it will not be accepted.
7. Applications and all accompanying materials like official transcripts and letters of recommendation must be submitted to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative by 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2025. Applications must be at the cooperative's office by February 3, not postmarked by this date. The cooperative will not extend the scholarship deadline for any reason, including school closings and delays due to weather.
8. Transcripts and letters of recommendation must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted. The application will not be accepted if these are not submitted at the same time.
9. Application information must be confined to the official application. The only attachments permitted are transcripts and letters of recommendation. If other attachments like resumes, additional pages, and additional letters of recommendation are included, the application will not be accepted.
10. Letters of recommendation must not exceed 500 words and must specifically mention Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's scholarship. If the letter of recommendation is for other scholarships or college acceptance, the application will not be accepted.
11. Applicants who have received full ride scholarships, including tuition, room, board, and books are not eligible for scholarships from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. Students who receive a scholarship from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and/or Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and subsequently receive a full ride scholarship must contact Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives to forfeit the scholarship.

12. The top applicants will be selected based on weighted GPA and community involvement and will participate in interviews with judges. Applications and interviews will be reviewed based on scholastic record, personal achievement, and school and community activities.
13. Applicant must be available to interview in-person at Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's office at 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road in Oxford Wednesday, March 5. Virtual interviews are not permitted.
14. Finalists are not permitted to bring outside materials, like resumes or handouts, to interviews.
15. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college to claim their scholarship.
16. Recipients must accept their scholarship in the first academic year. The cooperative may grant an extension of one year for just cause in the judgment of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and/or Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. In the event a recipient is unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation, the student will forfeit the scholarship.

Questions?

Contact Andy Denny at andyd@butlerrural.coop or 513-867-4409.

How to submit applications

<p>Mail Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Attention: Andy Denny 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road Oxford, Ohio 45056</p>	<p>Email andyd@butlerrural.coop</p>	<p>In-person Butler Rural Electric Cooperative 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road Oxford, Ohio 45056</p>
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Read the scholarship rules before completing this application. To qualify, you must:

- Be the child or legal ward of a Butler Rural Electric Cooperative residential member living in a residence receiving electricity from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. Grandchildren and other relatives of cooperative members are not eligible unless the applicant is the legal ward of the member.
- Be a graduating high school senior. College students and students who are beginning their college career but are not high school seniors are not eligible.
- Have a weighted grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street address: _____

Township, City, State, Zip: _____

Student email: _____

Applicant age: _____ Birthdate: _____

High school: _____

High school address: _____

Parent/guardian name(s): _____

Parent/guardian email(s): _____

Parent/guardian phone(s): _____

College(s) or accredited technical school(s) you have been accepted to:

Major(s)/Minor(s):

Personal achievements outside of school

Includes church activities and 4-H, for example. Give years of membership and outstanding activities in which you have participated as a leader.

Activity	# of Years	Awards

Personal achievements in school

Includes class officer, plays, athletics, and music, for example. List the most prestigious activities participated in during your high school attendance.

Activity	# of Years	Awards

Personal achievement

List all other activities not mentioned above which describe your past achievements, including work experience.

Activity	# of Years	Awards

Statement of applicant and parent or guardian

We have examined the applicant’s completed portion of the application and the records are true, complete, and accurate. We acknowledge and agree that Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and Ohio’s Electric Cooperatives may disclose any or all information contained in this application and the supporting documents to the judges of the scholarship competition and to any employees. Signatures must be completed prior to forwarding the application to high school officials.

Must be original, handwritten signatures. If signatures are typed, the application will not be accepted.

Applicant’s signature

Date

Parent/guardian signature

Date

Letter of recommendation

Attach one letter of recommendation that is no longer than 500 words. Letters of recommendation must specifically mention Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's scholarship. Letters of recommendation for other scholarships or college acceptance will not be accepted.

Transcripts and letters of recommendation must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted. If these are not submitted at the same time, the application will not be accepted.

This section must be completed by the high school principal or counselor

Scholarship applicant's name: _____

Attach applicant's official transcript signed by school official. Applicant's information must be confined to these pages. Transcripts and letters of recommendation must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted. If these are not submitted at the same time, the application will not be accepted.

Class rank: Senior year _____

Grade point average: _____

This scholarship is only available to students with a weighted GPA of 3.5 or above

Scholastic awards

Includes local, county, district, and state awards

Print name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions?

Contact Andy Denny at andyd@butlerrural.coop or 513-867-4409.

Complete this checklist before submitting your application

All signatures are handwritten

Letter of recommendation mentions Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s scholarship

Official transcript is included with the application

No additional attachments are include with the application, including resumes, essays, and additional letters of recommendation

I have not altered the application and have completed the application information using the space provided

My parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are members of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative and receive electricity from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative according to the address on my official school transcript

I am available to participate in in-person scholarship interviews at Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s office at 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road in Oxford Wednesday, March 5.

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