



2025 Trade School or Technical College Scholarship Rules

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's scholarships encourage the youth in our community to further their education. The cooperative awards the Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship to a high school senior who is attending a technical college or trade school after graduation. Applicants must have a weighted GPA of 2.5 or above and must plan to attend an accredited technical school program after graduation. Past recipients of this scholarship have completed programs to become diesel mechanics, for example. The top applicants will participate in interviews with judges and one student will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

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 received at the cooperative's office by February 3, not postmarked by this date.

Rules and regulations

The following provisions will govern the acceptance of applications for Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship.

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 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale or an 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, trustees, 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, letters of recommendation, and essays must be submitted to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative by 4:30 p.m. Monday, February 3, 2025. Applications must be received 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, letters of recommendation, and essays. 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 Touchstone Energy Achievement 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 subsequently receive a full ride scholarship must contact Butler Rural Electric Cooperative 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 or trade school 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. The student will forfeit the scholarship in the event they are unable to fulfill

their enrollment obligation.

Questions?

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

How to submit applications

Submit by mail Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Attention: Andy Denny 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road Oxford, Ohio 45056	Submit by email andyd@butlerrural.coop	Submit in-person Butler Rural Electric Cooperative 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road Oxford, Ohio 45056
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Your Touchstone Energy® Partner 

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Read the 2025 Touchstone Energy Achievement 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 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale.
- Be attending an accredited technical college or trade school after high school. A proper vocational or technical school is a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to a state-accredited four-year college. Past recipients of this scholarship have majored in diesel mechanics, for example.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Street address: _____

Township, City, State, Zip: _____

Student email: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

High school: _____

High school address: _____

Parent/guardian name(s): _____

Parent/guardian phone(s): _____

Parent/guardian email(s): _____

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

Are you pursuing a two-year or four-year accreditation?

Two-year Four-year

Major(s) or program(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 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. Letter of recommendation must specifically mention Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship. Letters of recommendation for other scholarships or college acceptance will not be accepted.

Transcript and letter 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.

Essay

Complete a brief essay of 250 words max on the following topic. Essay must be typed and attached to the application.

Essay prompt: Describe the technical program or certification you are pursuing and explain your career goals.

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. Transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essays 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.

Cumulative grade point average: _____

This scholarship is only available to students with a weighted GPA of 2.5 or above

Scholastic awards

Includes local, county, district, and state awards

Print name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Complete this checklist before submitting your application

All signatures are handwritten

Letter of recommendation mentions Butler Rural Electric Cooperative’s Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship

Official transcript is included with the application

No additional attachments are include with the application, including resumes, additional 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.

I am attending an accredited technical college or trade school after high school. A proper vocational or technical school is a post-secondary institution where credits can be transferred to a state-accredited four-year college. Past recipients of this scholarship have majored in diesel mechanics, for example.

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