Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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2027 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 must live in a home receiving electric service from the cooperative. The application deadline is February 5, 2027. Applications must be submitted online by 4:30 p.m.

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. Applications and all accompanying materials like official transcripts and essays must be submitted online to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative by 4:30 p.m. Friday, February 5, 2027. The cooperative will not extend the scholarship deadline for any reason, including school closings and delays due to weather.
7. Transcripts and essays must accompany the scholarship application at the time the application is submitted online. The application will not be accepted if these are not submitted at the same time.
8. Application information must be confined to the official application. The only attachments permitted are transcripts and essays. If other attachments like resumes, additional pages, and letters of recommendation are included, the application will not be accepted.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Applicant must be available to interview in-person at Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's office at 3888 Stillwell Beckett Road in Oxford Wednesday, February 24, 2026. Virtual interviews are not permitted.
12. Finalists are not permitted to bring outside materials, like resumes or handouts, to interviews.
13. Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited college or trade school to claim their scholarship.
14. 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
To apply, please go to butlerrural.coop > Community > Scholarships.

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