

## **2022 Power UP Technical Scholarship Instructions**

Applications and all required attachments must be received by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NVEC) by 4:00 p.m. on **February 11, 2022**. Scholarship interviews will be held on **March 9, 2022** at Defiance College and all eligible applicants are required to participate on that day in order to be considered for the scholarship award. Additional information will be mailed to the applicants prior to that date regarding specific interview times.

### **Scholarship Details**

#### **PURPOSE:**

In order to carry on an educational and training program that encourages Ohio's rural member-owners to further their education by pursuing a career in a technical field of study and gives them an opportunity to become more aware of careers in the rural electric program, the following scholarship awards program is offered by NVEC and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (OEC).

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:**

One winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award each year. The award is non-renewable. The local winner will advance to the statewide level where they will compete for additional cash.

#### **RULES:**

To be eligible for the OEC scholarships, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from the local cooperatives:

1. Applicants must be a permanent residential NVEC member-owner, or a dependent child (son/daughter)/legal ward of a permanent residential member-owner, receiving service for the duration of the 2021-2022 academic year (August 2021 - June 2022). Children/wards of NVEC commercial member-owners are not eligible unless one of their parents/legal guardians is also a permanent residential NVEC member-owner.
2. Applicants may be high school graduates enrolling in a technical program; current technical school enrollees or those enrolling in a post-undergraduate technical program. Applicants must plan to attend or currently attend an *accredited* technical school program.
3. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of **2.5 or above** on a 4.0 scale or an equivalent standing on a nontraditional scale. High school GPAs shall be used for applicants who have not yet begun a program, while technical school GPAs shall be used for applicants currently enrolled in programs.
4. Applications must be submitted (typed to be accepted) on the forms provided by NVEC or downloaded from [www.nvec.com/scholarship-programs](http://www.nvec.com/scholarship-programs). **Applications must be returned to NVEC by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2022.**

**RULES (cont.):**

5. Application information must be confined to the official application form. The only attachments permitted are: high school transcripts, proof of enrollment in a program\*, typed essay responses, one 500-word letter of recommendation from an instructor (optional), and one photo of the applicant.  
  
\* Accepted proofs of enrollment include: an official course schedule, or an official program transcript. The documentation must include the school's name or URL, and the applicant's name.
6. Essays: Applicants are required to provide two brief essays (250-word max each).
  - a. Detailing their educational and career goals;
  - b. Discussing cooperative knowledge per the online orientation found at [www.ohioec.org/orientation](http://www.ohioec.org/orientation).

Applicants must complete the essays without outside assistance from another individual.

7. Students may not be immediate family members of, or reside with, people who are employed by **any** electric cooperative in Ohio (employees, trustees, managers, OEC, **or** affiliated organizations such as Buckeye Power, Inc., RESCO, etc.).
8. Applicants who receive “full-ride” scholarships (i.e., scholarships that cover the cost of tuition, room, board *and* books) to the schools of their choice are **not eligible** for scholarships from NVEC or OEC. Applicants who have won other scholarships from NVEC or OEC or any affiliated organization are not eligible to win this competition.
9. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by NVEC and OEC. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the President/CEO of NVEC or of OEC. In the event students are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, the awards are forfeited.
10. Personal interviews for the local competition will be conducted with eligible applicants. Applicants are not permitted to bring any outside materials to their interviews (e.g., electronic presentations, props, handouts, etc.).
11. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after judging. One winner will be chosen to represent NVEC in the statewide competition where he or she will compete for an additional scholarship award.
12. These rules (dated hereon) supersede all previous rules for this scholarship.

All rules stated within this document conform to the policies and program guidelines as set forth by North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

**JUDGING:**

The judges, following personal interviews with each eligible applicant, will score up to a maximum of 30 points for scholastic record, 20 points for personal achievement, school and community activities, 40 points for the written essays, and 10 points for personal interview with the judges relating to poise, personality and appearance.

**MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:**

***NWEC Scholarship Coordinator  
04125 State Route 576  
PO Box 391  
Bryan, OH 43506***

## POWER UP Technical Scholarship Application Form 2022

In cooperation with North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Applications must be submitted to North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Deadline Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

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| 1) Are you, or is any member of your family, or persons residing in your household, affiliated with <b>any</b> electric cooperatives / related entities? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2) Have you received a “Full Ride” scholarship to the school of your choice?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3) Are you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) a permanent residential <b>member-owner</b> of <u>North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.?</u>           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

**If you answered Yes to question 1) and/or 2), and/or No to question 3) –  
Thank you for your interest in our scholarship, but you do not qualify.**

**THE FIRST TWO PAGES OF THIS APPLICATION FORM MUST BE TYPED TO BE ACCEPTED.**

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Address (include city): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Your personal email: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you over 18? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) If applicant is younger than 18 years old:
- a. Parents’ name(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Parents’ email(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Name of your co-op: North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. Account # \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Name on the co-op account: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) By which college(s) or accredited technical school(s) have you been accepted?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8) What will your major(s) be?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9) How long is your chosen program at these schools?  
Two-year  Four-year  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Cost of enrollment at schools in #7: \_\_\_\_\_

**OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, INC. - 2022 POWER UP TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**NON-SCHOOL PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** *(Activities including church and community)*

Give years of membership and outstanding activities in which you have participated as a leader.

Activity	# of Years	Remarks

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** *(Such as class officer, plays, athletics, music, etc.)*

List the most prestigious activities participated in during your high school attendance.

Activity	# of Years	Remarks

**PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** *(Other)*

List all other activities heretofore not mentioned which will more fully describe your past achievements, including any work experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATEMENT OF APPLICANT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

We have examined this application and the records are true, complete and accurate. In addition, we acknowledge and agree that North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. may disclose any or all of the information contained in this application and the supporting documents to the judges of the scholarship competition and to any employees of North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc. or of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, Inc. Winners' names and photos will be published in our magazine, on our websites and on our social media pages.

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

*Must be original,  
handwritten signatures.*

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

**OHIO'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, INC. - 2022 POWER UP TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR APPLICATION**

✓ **SCHOLASTIC RECORDS**

Option A) An official high school transcript if the applicant has not begun a program

OR

Option B) A technical school transcript if the applicant is currently enrolled in a program

✓ **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

One recommendation from a teacher or instructor (optional). Limit: 500 words

✓ **ESSAYS**

Please complete two brief essays (250 words max for each prompt) on the following two topics. Essays must be typed with applicant's name noted at the top of the page.

- 1) Please describe the technical program/certification which you will be pursuing and explain your overall career goals.
- 2) Discuss the ways in which electric cooperatives are different from other power companies. An online course, *Electric Co-ops and the Seven Cooperative Principles*, is available at [www.ohioec.org/orientation](http://www.ohioec.org/orientation) which will assist you in learning the differences. After completing the course, a complete transcript of its content is available for download.

✓ **A RECENT PHOTO**

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