



Nueces Electric Cooperative

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship is available for students planning to attend a **recognized and accredited four-year university in Texas**.

 **Application Deadline:** Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM CST

How to Apply

1. Visit [NEC Scholarships](#).
2. **Select** the scholarship you wish to apply for.
3. **Download** the application and complete it **in full**, following all eligibility guidelines.
4. **Submit** the completed application and all required documents **as a single PDF file** to [NEC Scholarships](https://www.nueceselectric.org/necscholarships) (<https://www.nueceselectric.org/necscholarships>)
5. **Await notification of results.** Good luck!

 For questions, call **361-387-2581** (ask for the Communications Department) or email scholarship@nueceselectric.org

Scholarship Details

NEC will award **12 scholarships** as follows:

- **10 recipients** will receive **\$3,000** each.
- **2 grand prize recipients** will receive **\$8,000** each:
 - **Ramiro De La Paz Grand Prize**
 - **John L. Sims Scholarship Award**

Funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient's institution **upon submission of all required documentation**. Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee based on the eligibility criteria outlined below.

Eligibility Requirements

- ✓ **Must be a high school senior and a dependent of a current Nueces Electric Cooperative (NEC) member.**
- ✓ **The NEC member must have received electric service from NEC for at least six months**

prior to the application deadline.

✓ Must plan to attend a **recognized and accredited four-year university in Texas.**

Required Application Materials

✂ All documents must be submitted as a single PDF file. Applications with multiple attachments will not be accepted.

1. **Completed Application Form**
2. **Resume** including:
 - Honors, Advanced Placement, or Dual Credit courses completed
 - Academic awards and honors received in high school
 - Weekly hours dedicated to extracurricular activities and/or employment
 - Involvement in school and community activities
 - Employment history (employer name, job role, duration of employment)
3. **One Letter of Recommendation** from an employer, teacher, school administrator, or activity coordinator
4. **Official, Signed High School Transcript**
5. **Financial Documentation** (Choose one):
 - **Most recent Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040, 1040-A, 1040-EZ) of a parent/guardian** (*SSN must be blacked out*).
6. **High-Quality Headshot Photo** (must be clear, well-lit, and professional)
7. **Optional:** Copy of SAT/ACT Scores (if available)

⚠ Failure to follow all instructions, including submitting documents in the correct format, may result in disqualification.

✉ Submit your application by **February 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM CST** at:

👉 <https://www.nueceselectric.org/necsolarships>

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Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

High School Name: _____

High School City: _____

High School County: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Is your parent/guardian your mother, father, or other? Please specify: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): _____

NEC Account #: _____

Name of the NEC Primary Account # Holder: _____

Which Texas 4-year college or university do you plan to attend?

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

By signing below, I attest that I fully understand all of the rules, eligibility and entry requirements of this contest and what will be required of me and I agree to permit NEC to review this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Do not include any identifying information such as your name, parents' names, the university you plan to attend, etc.

In the space provided, please describe your future life plans and how they will enable you to contribute to your community:

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