



Scholarship Guidelines

1. Students who are graduating high school seniors who live with parents or guardians who are SMECO customers are eligible to apply.
2. Home schooled students who live with parents or guardians who are SMECO customers are eligible to apply.
3. Proof of residence, such as a copy of the student's driver's license or school identification must accompany the student's application.
4. Students must be enrolled or plan to enroll full-time in an accredited college, university, or trade school.
5. Students must complete and submit the scholarship application form online (paper applications will not be accepted).
6. Students must submit the following documents:
 - **A copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U. S. Department of Education**
 - **A copy of the first 2 pages of the completed and signed 2019 Federal Tax Return (Social Security numbers may be blocked out with a black marker)**
 - **Official high school transcript (this must be emailed separately to Natalie.cotton@smeco.coop by the school counselor)**
 - **Class rank**
7. All items must be submitted as one submission and received by SMECO by **April 6, 2021.** (official transcripts must be emailed separately to Natalie.cotton@smeco.coop by the school counselor)
8. Applications not submitted with the required documentation will be disqualified.
9. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria: Scholastic Achievement – **30%**; Financial Need – **30%**; School and Community Involvement – **20%**; Interview – **20%**.
10. Application and accompanying documentation will be evaluated by the Scholarship Awards Committee. **The committee will interview the top 8 candidates** and interviews will be conducted on **date TBD** at SMECO's Headquarters facility in Hughesville (or via ZOOM). Students will be given additional instructions when the appointment is scheduled.

Applicants for Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's Scholarships shall be considered on the Cooperative's established guidelines without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age or disability.