



West Kentucky Rural Electric

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2026 Academic Scholarship Program

**Rules for Application
Application Form**

WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION 2026 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Eight graduating high school seniors will receive academic scholarships from the West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation in 2026. Each scholarship, valued at \$1,000, is to be used toward tuition, textbooks and/or required class materials, and is available when the winner enrolls as a full-time student in the accredited college or university of his or her choice. Scholarship awards are payable directly to the student upon adequate proof of enrollment.

West Kentucky RECC makes academic scholarships available to graduating high school seniors as a way of helping deserving young people with the expenses of higher education and also as a means of honoring academic excellence.

A total of eight \$1,000 college scholarships (one-time grants) will be awarded as follows:

- Two awards from District 1 - Calloway County
- Two awards from District 2 - Carlisle and Hickman Counties
- Two awards from District 3 - Graves County
- Two awards from District 4 – Marshall Counties

Note: WKRECC will also award one vocational scholarship. This scholarship requires a separate application.

To be eligible for an academic scholarship, you must be a high school senior in good standing and your parent or guardian must be a member of and receive electric service from West Kentucky RECC at their principle place of residence. In addition, each scholarship participant must complete an application form, receive a favorable report from their guidance counselor and a high school teacher, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions as specified by West Kentucky RECC.

To apply for West Kentucky RECC's 2026 Academic Scholarship Program, contact your high school guidance office for a copy of an application or pick one up at the WKRECC business offices in Mayfield, Benton, and Murray. Applications are also online at www.wkrecc.com. For additional questions, contact Jodie Hansen at West Kentucky RECC by calling 270-247-1321 or 877-495-7322.

West Kentucky RECC is a community-focused electric cooperative created to deliver affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy to more than 38,000 homes, businesses, farms, and schools. West Kentucky RECC is owned and led by the members we serve in Calloway, Carlisle, Graves, and Marshall counties and distributes energy generated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. For more information, visit our website at [https://wkrecc.com/](http://wkrecc.com/).

**WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION 2026 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM RULES FOR PARTICIPATION**

1. Graduating high school seniors whose parent(s) or guardian is a member of and receives electric service from West Kentucky RECC at their primary place of residence are eligible. Children of West Kentucky RECC employees/directors are not eligible.
2. Applicants will be enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college or university of their choice.
3. West Kentucky RECC will offer a total of \$8,000 in college scholarships this year:
 - Two awards from District 1 - Comprised of Calloway County
 - Two awards from District 2 - Comprised of Carlisle and Hickman Counties
 - Two awards from District 3 - Comprised of Graves County
 - Two awards from District 4 - Comprised of Marshall County
4. Each Scholarship Award is a one-time grant of \$1,000 to help cover the cost of higher education. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the student upon written proof of enrollment (copy of fee bill and course schedule) and may be applied toward tuition, housing, books, instructional materials, lab fees and other costs directly related to education.
5. Eligible students must receive written favorable recommendations from their guidance counselor AND a high school teacher.
6. Each participant must submit a completed West Kentucky RECC Academic Scholarship Program Application Form, a transcript of grades and subjects taken in high school, a recent photo, guidance counselor written recommendation, and a high school teacher letter of recommendation. All submitted materials will become the property of West Kentucky RECC and will not be returned. Deadline for entering the program is **March 2, 2026**. **Please note that completed applications should be submitted to your high school guidance counselor.**
7. Winners will be recognized during the Cooperative's Virtual Annual Meeting (**July 10, 2026**). Photos will be made for cooperative communication purposes.
8. For clarification, West Kentucky RECC defines an eligible student as: A) a student who, in all probability, will be graduating at the completion of the academic year; B) whose parents/guardians are members of West Kentucky RECC and receive electric service from West Kentucky RECC at their primary place of residence; C) is actively pursuing enrollment in an acceptable institution of higher learning, D) who has established an excellent academic record in high school, E) has a financial need; and F) has, in the view of school officials, both the capacity and the inclination to become a serious and enthusiastic student at an institution of higher learning.

**WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION 2026 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM**

Name _____ Birthday _____

Address _____

Social Security Number: _____

County of Primary Residence: _____

Parent/Guardian - List names of your natural parents, step-parents and/or legal guardians:

Natural parents _____ Phone _____

Step-Parents _____ Phone _____

Legal Guardian(s) _____ Phone _____

West Kentucky RECC Account Number_____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Family's Annual Gross Income: (Check one) Number in Immediate Family _____

Below \$15,000 \$15,001-\$30,000 \$30,001-\$40,000

\$40,001-\$55,000 \$55,001-\$65,000 Above \$65,001

High School _____

Name _____ Address _____

High School Counselor's Name _____ High School's Telephone _____

ACT/SAT Score _____ Grade Point Average _____ Number in Class _____ Class Rank _____

Have you already applied to colleges? If so, indicate in order of choice. If not, where are you planning to apply?

Application Submitted

First Choice _____ Yes _____ No _____

Second Choice _____ Yes _____ No _____

Third Choice _____ Yes _____ No _____

If you have career plans in mind at this time, what general course of study do you plan to take?

Do you have opportunities for any other financial aid? What are they? _____

Please use the space provided – **DO NOT INCLUDE RESUMES.** (*list in order of importance to you*)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Include school, community, and other organizations; list leadership positions, if applicable)

Organization

Years Involved

Leadership Position(s)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

WORK EXPERIENCE/COMMUNITY SERVICE

HOBBIES AND OTHER SPECIAL INTERESTS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION — OPTIONAL

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Explain your ambitions and goals for your education. Include why you need the scholarship.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

I hereby certify that I wish to participate in West Kentucky RECC's 2026 Academic Scholarship Program and that the information provided in this Application Form is true and correct.

Signature _____

Date _____

PARENT COMMITMENT

I hereby grant my permission for the above applicant to enter West Kentucky RECC's 2026 Academic Scholarship Competition and confirm that he or she meets the Cooperative's eligibility requirements for participation. In addition, I certify that I am a member of West Kentucky RECC, that my principal residence is served by the cooperative and that the applicant is a member of my immediate household. My West Kentucky RECC account is in the name of _____ (name shown on your bill) and my member account number is _____ (find account number in the upper left-hand corner and bottom right-hand corner of your electric bill or call WKRECC at 270-247-1321 or 877-495-7322 to get the number).

The COUNTY in which my primary residence is located: _____.

Signature _____

Date _____

**WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION 2026 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REFERENCE FORM**

My records indicate _____, a senior at _____ High School, is in good academic standing based on my verification of GPA and ACT or SAT test scores and is eligible to enter West Kentucky RECC's 2026 Scholarship Program.

In my judgment, this student has the ability and maturity to establish an academic and personal record which will reflect credit upon himself/herself, our high school and West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation.

Guidance Counselor

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Submit all requested material to your high school **guidance counselor** by **March 2, 2026**:

1. Application Form completed by participating student.
2. Reference Form completed by guidance counselor verifying GPA and ACT or SAT score.
3. Transcript of grades and subjects taken in high school.
4. Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher.
5. Recent photograph of applicant (will not be returned).