

Socorro Electric Foundation Scholarship Application

Scholarships, up to \$1,000 per semester, are available for high school and homeschooled graduating Seniors seeking an undergraduate college or university degree. These scholarships are renewable up to a maximum of eight (8) semesters (*excluding summer or interim semesters*) with the total scholarship award not to exceed \$8,000. Renewability of the scholarship will be subject to confirmation that the requirements of grade point average and enrollment have been met.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must have parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who: have been members of SEC for a minimum of 180 days from the date of the application submittal deadline; have a residential account (business or yard light only accounts do not qualify); currently reside in the service area; and whose account is in good standing – that is Members who do not have any outstanding balance on either active or inactive accounts by the submittal deadline. Determination of awards will be made by the SEC Foundation Scholarship Committee.
2. Scholarships will be granted for those who attend an accredited and recognized institution of higher education, which includes technical/vocational schools, pursuing an undergraduate degree. Scholarships will be awarded based on funds available and the applicants' eligibility.
3. Applicant must be of good character as evidenced by two (2) letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a teacher, principal, counselor, etc., from the school the applicant is currently attending. A second letter must be from either a member of the community (non-related), minister, or previous supervisor or employer. **Letters of recommendation may be mailed directly to the Socorro Electric Foundation or included with this application.**
4. Applicant must demonstrate a willingness to pursue a course of higher learning with a coherent degree plan. If a recipient is committing to a religious mission, military service or public service, the funds will be held no longer than two (2) years following the awarding of the scholarship, before they must be utilized. Proof of commitment must be submitted to SEC no later than the 3rd week of June following their high school graduation. These recipients will be placed in a "deferred status" and the amount of the award for a deferred recipient will be based on the availability of funds at the time of disbursement.
5. Relatives of SEC employees are eligible to apply for a scholarship. The immediate family (son/daughter) of trustees and the General Manager will not be eligible to participate in the scholarship program.
6. **Applications must be received at the SEC offices by the close of business no later than the first Monday in April of each year.**

Recipients

1. Scholarship recipients must be classified as full-time students as defined by the institution they are attending. The recipient is required to maintain at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average, on a 4.00 scale as reflected by an official final grade report from the institution they are attending.
2. To demonstrate fulfillment of the requirement stated in "Recipients -Section 1" above, all recipients are responsible for ensuring the Socorro Electric Foundation receives an official final grade report for the most recently completed semester **AND** verification of full-time enrollment in the following eligible semester. These documents must be received **EACH YEAR**, no later than January 15 for the preceding Fall semester, and by June 15 for the preceding Spring semester.
3. Funds cannot be released for any subsequent semester until **both** documents have been received and eligibility verified. **Failure on the part of the recipient to ensure that these documents have been forwarded to the Socorro Electric Foundation shall result in the forfeiture of the scholarship. Electronic versions of these documents are acceptable.**

Applications, transcripts and letters of recommendation should be sent to:

Socorro Electric Foundation
P. O. Box H
Socorro, New Mexico 87801



Application Instructions and Checklist

APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE COMPLETE WITH ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE. ANY DOCUMENT RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN AN INCOMPLETE PACKET AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMITTAL IS THE FIRST MONDAY OF APRIL EACH YEAR TO THE SEC OFFICES.

- Type or legibly print all requested information on the application form
- Official transcript from the school the Applicant has most recently attended
- SAT/ACT scores (required from all applicants)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation as stated herein
- Qualifying SEC Member Number must be included

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Qualifying SEC Member Number _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

High School or College/University Last Attended _____ Dates of Attendance _____

Which accredited College or University do you plan to attend?

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Have you applied for admission? Yes No Have you been accepted? Yes No

Estimated TOTAL college expenses for one (1) year \$ _____

Number of dependent children in family (including Applicant) _____

Number of family members currently enrolled in college (including Applicant) _____

List academic honors received in High School or College (**attach additional pages as required**): _____



List school - related clubs, activities, achievements (non-academic) (*attach additional pages as required*): _____

List community - related activities (i.e. volunteer work, civil organization, etc.) (*attach additional pages as required*):

List hobbies and /or recreational activities (*attach additional pages as required*): _____

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Name of Employer	Type of Work	Length of Service
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Essay - Attach a 250-word essay (typed or handwritten) on one of the following four topics:

1. Discuss how a work of music, literature or art has inspired your life.
2. What person (past or present) do you most identify with and why?
3. What goal have you set for yourself and what actions are you taking to achieve it?
4. What future contribution do you expect to make to your local community and or your country?

Certification

I certify that this information contained in this application is true, complete and accurate. I agree to permit the review of this Application and my school records by anyone representing Socorro Electric Foundation. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I further authorize release of my name and photos relating to announcements of scholarship awards if I am selected to be a scholarship recipient. I understand that this scholarship is good only for full-time students pursuing an Associate or Bachelor's degree. The scholarship funds are applicable towards undergraduate degrees only.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

