



Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Enclosed in this packet you will find all the information necessary for submitting an application for a scholarship from Sam Houston Electric Cooperative. Please read all instructions carefully. **Applications not filled out in their entirety will not be accepted.** Additional copies of this application may be downloaded from our website at [www.samhouston.net](http://www.samhouston.net), in the Community section.

**Your completed application along with recommendations and all other required documents MUST be received or postmarked no later than Friday, February 2, 2024.** If you have any questions concerning our Scholarship Program, please contact Brenda Quintero, Scholarship Representative at 936-328-1207.

We at Sam Houston Electric Cooperative wish you the best in your continuing education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Hawkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Hawkins  
Chief Communications Officer

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## Scholarship Program 2023-2024

We are honored to assist in advancing and supporting the education of the members we serve. Sam Houston Electric Cooperative will award \$3,000 (\$1,500 per semester) scholarships and a limited number of \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) vocational scholarships to eligible high school seniors graduating in 2024. To retain the initial scholarship payment for the fall semester following your high school graduation, the recipient must provide proof of registration as a full-time student (minimum 12 hours) at an accredited Texas institution of higher learning. At the end of the first semester, the recipient must provide a copy of their grades. The recipient must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale and must be enrolled in consecutive semesters.

### Eligibility

**The recipient must be a graduating high school senior whose parents/legal guardians are active members of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc.** An active member is defined as someone who is receiving electric service from Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. with the membership in the name of the parents/legal guardians. High school seniors and non-traditional students are allowed to apply. (Non-traditional students include those students attending private, parochial, or home school.)

- 1. Scholarships to be granted to attend an accredited Texas institute of higher education.** This includes a 4-Year College or University, Trade School (offering associates degree), Community College or Junior College, and Business College (offering associates degree). Scholarship recipients must claim initial payment during the fall semester following graduation from high school.
- 2. Applicant must be of good character as evidenced by at least two (2) letters of reference** (neither of which can be from a relative). One reference shall be from a teacher, principal, counselor, etc., from the school they are currently attending. The other reference may be from someone other than a relative or from a teacher, principal, counselor, etc. For non-traditional students, the letters of reference can be from previous employers, supervisors, ministers, etc.
- 3. Applicant must furnish a certified copy of their school transcript.**
- 4. Scholarships will be awarded based on funds available and the applicants' eligibility.**
- 5. Applications must be received no later than February 2, 2024.** Awards will be announced no later than May 3, 2024.
- 6. Enclose a complete copy of student's official FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).**

### Recipients

- 1. Recipient must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student.**
- 2. Recipients must provide a copy of their grades at the end of the school semester and a copy of the registration for the next semester to Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. before monies can be released for the subsequent semester.**

Send Completed Applications to:

**Scholarship Program  
Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1121  
Livingston, TX 77351**



## Scholarship Program

### Scholarship Application Checklist

Application is **NOT** complete without each of the following and **will be disqualified** if not included:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Application completed and returned including all required signatures. - It is imperative that page 5 is signed by the applicant (student) and by the parent or guardian whose name the Sam Houston EC account is in.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Official transcript from last school attended
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) sealed letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete copy of student's official FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).

Please return completed application package by Friday, February 2, 2024, to:

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**Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 1121**  
**Livingston, TX 77351**



**SAM HOUSTON**  
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## Scholarship Application

**2023-2024**

**Applicant's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sam Houston EC Account # of Parents/Guardians:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Account MUST be in Parent/Guardians name to qualify)**

**Part I – School Related**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

College or University Plans (First Choice): \_\_\_\_\_

(Second Choice): \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate intended major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for admission? \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ (Attached copy of Acceptance)

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The following information to be provided by school official. **Failure to provide this information, including school certification, will disqualify this application.**

Cumulative GPA (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) \_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_.

Class Standing: # \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_ students.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of School Official Certifying  
Grades, Scores & Standing

\_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or Printed Name and Title

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**Part II – Family Information**

Father/Guardian Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependent children in family (Including Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of dependent children (Including Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of immediate family members currently in college: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III –Financial Need Information**

Note: **Student’s complete official Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA is required and must be submitted with this scholarship application.** Other forms of financial need documentation will **not** be accepted. Please see <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> for more information about the SAR. Your high school counselor can provide information regarding the FAFSA / SAR process as well.

**Applicant’s Work Experience:**

<b>Name of Employer</b>	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Length of Service</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Have you received any other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

List potential sources of financial aid or anticipated funding for your tuition and supplies (family support, PELL Grant, student loan, scholarships, etc.) and indicate status:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Approved</b>
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_____			
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**Part IV – Extracurricular & Community Activities** (attach additional sheets if necessary)

List any academic honors received in school:

<b>Honor</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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_____	
_____	
_____	

List any school-related clubs, activities, and achievements:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
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List any community clubs, activities, or achievements:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
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List any hobbies/recreational activities:

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**Please attach your official school transcript with your counselor's name, signature, and date, along with your two (2) Letters of Recommendation. A complete copy of your official FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) will also need to be attached.**

I am aware that if I am awarded this scholarship, I must provide Sam Houston Electric Cooperative with proof of enrollment from a Texas accredited post-secondary institution of which I will be considered a full-time student (at least 12 credit hours). I also am aware that I must maintain above average grades (at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale) and demonstrate acceptable standards of citizenship and character to qualify for the second consecutive semester.

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing Sam Houston Electric Cooperative and its appointed Scholarship Review Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Applicant  
(Student)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant  
(Student)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name of Parent/Guardian  
(Sam Houston EC account holder)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Parent/Guardian  
(Sam Houston EC account holder)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Scholarship application will be disqualified if not completed in its entirety.**





## Instructions for Recommendation Form

1. **STUDENTS** must sign recommendation letter where indicated, **prior** to completion.
2. The letter of recommendation must be completed on the attached form and placed in the **ENVELOPE\*** that is provided and **SEALED**. Please sign page two and provide any additional comments on page two. Please return this sealed envelope to the student.
3. **STUDENTS: Recommendations must be received SEALED along with your completed application and sealed official transcript.**

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## Letter of Recommendation #1

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

“In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right to review this recommendation by signing my name below. This recommendation will be held in confidence by the Administrators of Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship Program for use in scholarship selection only.”

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature

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I know the person listed above in the following manner \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR THE APPLICANT

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Exceptional
<b>Initiative/Motivation</b>				
<b>Intellectual Curiosity</b>				
<b>Oral Communication</b>				
<b>Creativity</b>				
<b>Energy</b>				
<b>Self Confidence</b>				
<b>Leadership/Influence</b>				
<b>Responsibility</b>				
<b>Integrity</b>				
<b>Concern for Others</b>				
<b>Warmth of Personality</b>				
<b>Sense of Humor</b>				
<b>Emotional Maturity</b>				
<b>Reaction to Setbacks</b>				
<b>Respect by Faculty</b>				
<b>Respect by Peers</b>				





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## Letter of Recommendation #2

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature

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