



2019 BLUEBONNET SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE — ACADEMIC

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative will award 30 \$2,500 Scholarships of Excellence to eligible high school seniors graduating in 2019. The scholarship is for students who are pursuing a bachelor's degree from a university, college or community or junior college.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE

To be considered for a Bluebonnet academic scholarship, the applicant must:

- Be a 2019 graduating senior of a high school or an accredited Home Extended Studies program.
- Reside in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and whose primary residence is within the outer boundaries of Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within those outer boundaries); attached affidavit must be completed and signed before a notary public by parent or legal guardian.
- Provide a copy of current high school transcript with class size and ranking and have a GPA of 2.75 or higher (based on an 85-100 point scale).
- Submit a completed 2019 Bluebonnet Scholarship of Excellence application, which is available at bluebonnet.coop (click on Community, then Scholarships). The application must be typed, signed and delivered to a Member Service Center or postmarked by **5 p.m. March 8, 2019**.

STUDENT APPLICATION JUDGING CRITERIA

Applicants must write essays of 150 words or less addressing four questions listed in the following pages.

Applicants attend interviews with scholarship judges if requested.

INSTRUCTIONS / INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship of Excellence requirements are available through area high school counselors, Bluebonnet's Member Service Centers and online at bluebonnet.coop (click on Community, then Scholarships). The application form, available at bluebonnet.coop, is easy to complete and print. Applicants must complete the form online, then print it and submit it to Bluebonnet for consideration.

- All applications must be typed, signed and submitted at a Bluebonnet Member Service Center in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart or Manor or mailed to Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Attn: Karen Urban, P.O. Box 729, Bastrop, TX, 78602. Applications must be delivered or postmarked by 5 p.m. March 8, 2019.
- All applications and attachments become the property of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. and will not be returned. Recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 10, 2019.
- The Scholarship Awards Reception for recipients will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 6 p.m. at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave., Bastrop.

REVIEW AND JUDGING PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed and verified by Bluebonnet's Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

The \$2,500 scholarship will be paid in a lump sum to the financial aid, scholarship or business office of the university or college or community or junior college the recipient will attend. The payment will be made in July 2019 and will be applied to the recipient's school account.



2019 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's name: _____

Mailing & 911 address: _____

City & ZIP code: _____

County: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Date of birth: _____

Applicant's email address: _____

Last four digits of Social Security number: _____

Parent(s) / legal guardian(s) name(s): _____

Bluebonnet member's name on the account: _____

Bluebonnet member's account number: _____

Bluebonnet member's relationship to applicant: _____

Name of high school: _____

Expected high school graduation date: _____

List university or college applicant is interested in attending:
(If you have already been accepted, list only that school and attach a copy of the letter of acceptance.)

Your chosen field of study: _____

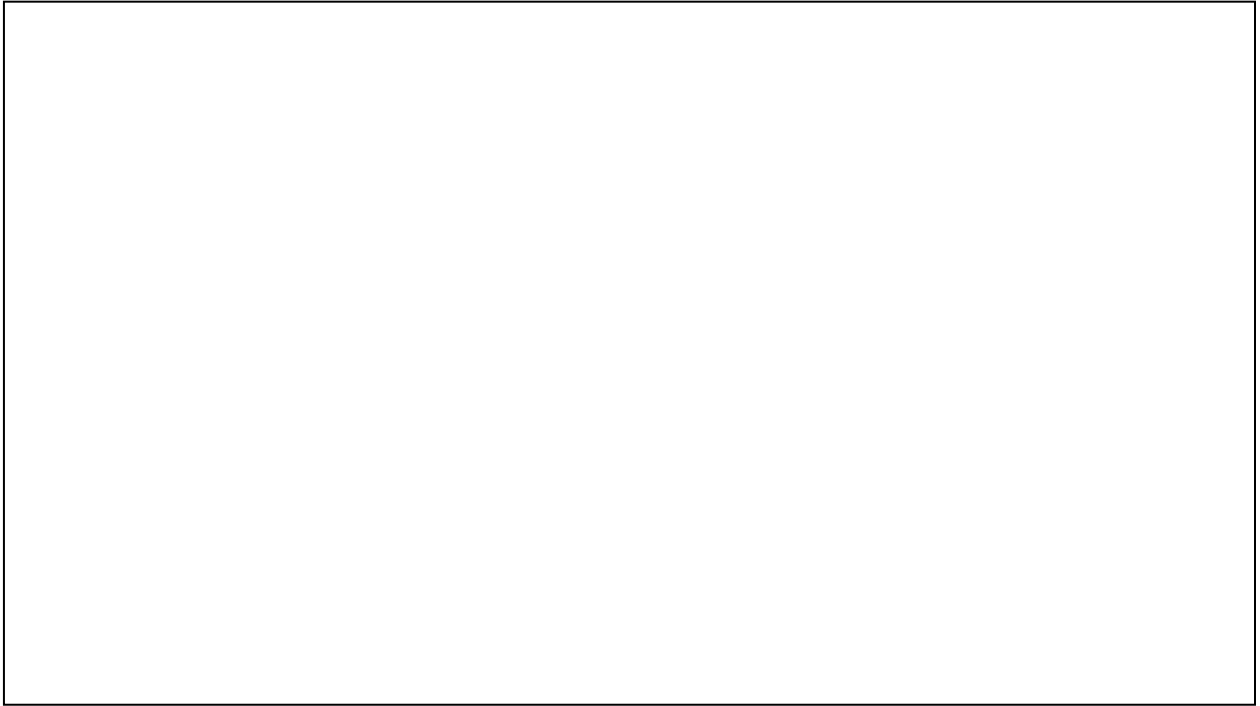
ALL BLANKS MUST BE COMPLETED

ESSAYS – Please answer all four questions

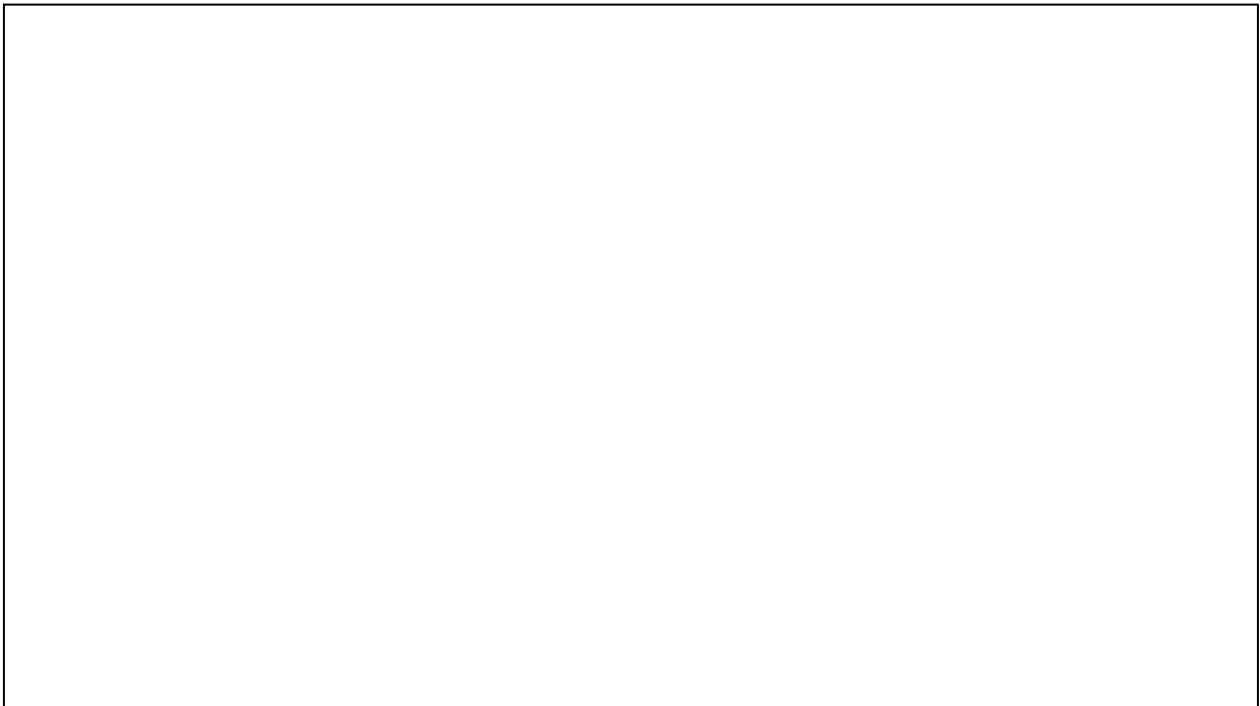
- 1.** How have you demonstrated leadership at school, at work or in your community?
(Answer in 150 words or less.)

- 2.** What are your most meaningful achievements, and how do they relate to your planned field of study and your future goals? (Answer in 150 words or less.)

3. Why did you choose your planned field of study? (Answer in 150 words or less.)



4. What can high school students do to help and change their communities for the better? (Answer in 150 words or less.)



APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Scholarship applications will be considered if Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., has received all of the following information in person or postmarked by **March 8, 2019**:

1. A typed, completed application (including all essays), signed by applicant and parent or legal guardian.
2. Affidavit of Parent, Legal Guardian, or Primary Managing Conservator, signed & notarized.
3. Copy of current high school transcript with class size, ranking and a GPA of 2.75 or higher (based on an 85-100 point scale).
4. Photograph release form, signed.

Submit all the above at a Bluebonnet Member Service Center or mail to:

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Attn: Karen Urban
P.O. Box 729
Bastrop, TX 78602

Applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2019.

Applications must be complete and signed with all required attachments included.

Winners will be notified by mail on or before April 10, 2019.

A Scholarship Awards Reception will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 6 p.m. at Bluebonnet's Headquarters, 155 Electric Ave., Bastrop.

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by members of the Bluebonnet Scholarship Committee.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE FORM

For good and valuable consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I grant to BLUEBONNET ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., ("Bluebonnet") permission to take and publish photographs of me and/or the minor child or children listed below and/or of property owned by me, including photographs taken with others, and to allow Bluebonnet to use, re-use, publish and re-publish the photographs, in whole or in part, individually or in connection with other material, in Bluebonnet-related editorial, promotional or marketing materials in any and all media, including the Internet, Bluebonnet's website, online and video-based marketing materials, as well as other publications published, endorsed or sponsored by Bluebonnet, whether in print form, online, or any other magnetic, optical, electronic and online form of publication or transmission, without restriction as to alteration, and to own all rights to said photograph(s).

I acknowledge and agree that the photographs taken by Bluebonnet are taken with my voluntary consent and that neither I or any minor child listed below will receive financial compensation of any type associated with taking or publication of the photographs or participation in Bluebonnet marketing materials or other Bluebonnet publications, and that the publication of said photographs confers no rights of ownership or royalties to me or said minor child or minor children whatsoever.

I represent and certify that I am of legal age. I represent that I have full authority to execute this Release Form. I release and hold Bluebonnet harmless from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for me or the minor child and children listed below associated with the photographs. I fully release Bluebonnet from any and all claims and demands that may arise out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, including without limitation, claims for libel or violation of any right of publicity or privacy. If a minor child is listed below, I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian and have full authority to execute this release on behalf of each minor child listed below and agree that we both shall be bound thereby. I certify that I am not under any legal disability and that I have read the foregoing carefully and fully understand the contents and meaning of this release. This authorization and release shall inure to the benefit of Bluebonnet, its successors, assigns, legal representatives, and licensees and shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

Date: _____

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Names & Ages of Minor Children: _____

Relationship to Minor Children: _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF _____

**AFFIDAVIT OF PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR
PRIMARY MANAGING CONSERVATOR**

On this day, _____ (*printed name of Parent, Legal Guardian, or Primary Managing Conservator*) appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, and after being sworn on his/her oath, stated the following:

“1. My name is _____ (*printed name of Parent, Legal Guardian, or Primary Managing Conservator*). I am over the age of 18 years, and I am competent to make this affidavit.

2. I am a member in good standing of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc., and my primary residence is in the service territory of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc.

3. I am the _____ (*parent/legal guardian/primary managing conservator*) and have primary custody and control of _____ (*printed name of child*) who is applying for a Bluebonnet Scholarship of Excellence.

4. _____ (*printed name of child*) lives with me full time at _____ (*complete mail and street address*) in _____ County, Texas.

5. I have no current plans to move out of the Cooperative’s service territory.

6. I authorize Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc. to take and use photographs of _____ (*printed name of child*) in various publications if awarded a Bluebonnet Scholarship of Excellence.”

Signature of Affiant

Printed Name of Affiant

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME, by _____ on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public, State of Texas