



## 2021 BLUEBONNET SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE — ACADEMIC

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative will award \$2,500 Scholarships of Excellence to eligible high school seniors graduating in the 2020-21 school year who will attend a community college, junior college, college or university in fall 2021 to pursue a non-vocational bachelor's degree.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OF EXCELLENCE

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

- Be a senior of a high school or an accredited Home Extended Studies program who is graduating in the 2020-21 school year.
- 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 by parent or legal guardian and signed before a notary public.
- Provide a copy of current high school transcript with high school grade point average (GPA) through the latest semester completed. **MUST BE PROVIDED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A 100 POINT UNWEIGHTED SYSTEM WITH A MAXIMUM OF 100 POINTS** (i.e. 90 or 95, *not* 3.5 or 4.0). (Extra points given for honors and AP classes should be excluded.) Applicants must have a GPA of 85 or higher to apply.
- Submit a completed 2021 Bluebonnet Scholarship of Excellence application packet, which is available at [bluebonnet.coop](http://bluebonnet.coop) (click on Community, then Scholarships). The application must be typed (**handwritten will not be accepted**), hand-signed and delivered to a Member Service Center or postmarked by **5 p.m. March 5, 2021**.

### STUDENT APPLICATION JUDGING CRITERIA

Applicants must fully complete general scholarship application and all required attachments to be officially scored. Judges will not score applications that are not fully completed. A full list of attachments is shown below.

- Attachment A – Individual Scholastic Record
- Attachment B – Leadership Experiences
- Attachment C – Community Service
- Attachment D – Extracurricular Activities
- Attachment E – Open-Ended Question
- Attachment F – Awards and Honors

Applicants may be asked to attend interviews with scholarship judges.

## **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).

- All applications must be typed (not handwritten), hand-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 5, 2021.
- All applications and attachments become the property of Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative and will not be returned. Recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 2, 2021.
- The Scholarship Awards Reception for recipients will be Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 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, college, or community or junior college the recipient will attend. The payment will be made in July 2021 and will be applied to the recipient's school account.



**2021 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing & 911 address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) / legal guardian(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Bluebonnet member's account: \_\_\_\_\_

Bluebonnet member's account number: \_\_\_\_\_

Bluebonnet member's relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected high school graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's preferred university/college and campus location:  
(If you have already been accepted, please include a copy of acceptance letter with completed application.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Your chosen field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL BLANKS MUST BE COMPLETED**

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Scholarship applications, including items listed below, must be delivered in person or postmarked on or before **March 5, 2021**, to be considered:

1. A typed (not handwritten), completed application (including attachments A - F), signed by applicant and parent/legal guardian.
2. Affidavit of Parent, Legal Guardian, or Primary Managing Conservator, hand-signed and notarized.
3. Copy of current high school transcript with class size, ranking and a grade point average (GPA). **NOTE: GPA must be listed on an unweighted 100 point scale. GPAs presented in any other format will not be accepted.**
4. Hand-signed photograph release form.

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

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

***Applications must be received or postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021.***

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

Recipients will be notified by mail on or before April 2, 2021.

A Scholarship Awards Reception will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 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



## Attachment A

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLASTIC RECORD			
<i>This record is to be completed by the applicant's high school principal or counselor.</i> The completed record and related materials must be returned to the applicant to become part of and attached to the Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative Scholarship Application.			
<b>Applicant's Last Name</b>	<b>Applicant's First Name and Middle Name</b>	<b>County</b>	
<b>Name of High School</b>		<b>Funding Classification of High School</b> (Public, Private, Home School, etc)	
<b>Expected Graduation Date (MM/DD/YY)</b>			
High school grade point average (GPA) through the latest semester completed. <b>MUST BE PROVIDED ONLY ON THE BASIS OF A 100 POINT UNWEIGHTED SYSTEM WITH A MAXIMUM OF 100 POINTS</b> (i.e. 85 or 90, NOT 3.5 or 4.0). (Extra points given for honors and AP classes should be excluded.)			<b>MUST BE ON AN UNWEIGHTED 100 POINT SCALE. OTHER SCALES OR GPA'S OVER 100 WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.</b>
<b>Has the applicant passed all required standardized test(s) in order to graduate and attend a Texas college/university? (check one)</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>Signature certifying validity of scholastic record is required by principal/counselor. Failure to provide proper signature will result in disqualification of application.</b>			
<b>Signature</b>			
<b>School</b>			
<b>Address</b>		<b>City</b>	
<b>State</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Email</b>			

## Attachment B

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

List up to 10 major leadership roles throughout your secondary school time. Include community and school volunteer and elected/appointed leadership experiences. List levels of involvement as L = Local, R = Regional, S = State and N = National. Judges will focus on the quality of experiences, rather than quantity.  
**LIMITED TO SPACES BELOW ONLY**

YEAR	LEADERSHIP ROLE	LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT	ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES AND/OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## Attachment C

### Community Service

List up to 10 community service activities you have been involved in or led. List role as L = Lead yourself, M = Member of a Group, P = Provided primary leadership to group. Judges will focus on quality of activities, rather than quantity.

**LIMITED TO SPACES BELOW ONLY**

YEAR	ACTIVITY	ROLE	IMPACT ON COMMUNITY OR ORGANIZATION



## Attachment D

### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List up to 10 extracurricular activities in which you have been involved at school and in your community. Judges will focus on the quality of activities, rather than quantity.

**LIMITED TO SPACES BELOW ONLY**

YEAR	ACTIVITY	ROLE IN ACTIVITY





## Attachment E

### OPEN-ENDED QUESTION

What does leadership mean to you, and how have you demonstrated leadership at school, work or in your community?

**250-WORD LIMIT**



## Attachment F

### AWARDS AND HONORS

List up to five awards or honors you have received at school and outside your school. Judges will focus on the quality of awards/honors, rather than quantity.

**LIMITED TO SPACES BELOW**

YEAR	AWARD/HONOR	HOW DID YOU ACHIEVE THIS AWARD OR HONOR?

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 within the outer boundaries of 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



## 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 and ages of minor children: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Minor Children: \_\_\_\_\_