



2019 – 2020 “College of Your Choice” Scholarship Application & Guidelines

Overview: Lane Electric is offering four \$1,500 “College of Your Choice” scholarships for persons interested in attending any accredited 2-year or 4-year college in the fall. These scholarships are intended to cover a portion of the tuition and book fees. These “College of Your Choice” scholarships are available to dependents of qualifying and/or qualifying Lane Electric members.

For this scholarship, a **Qualifying Member or Family Member** is defined as: A Lane Electric member, or dependent of a member, who has an active account, and is in good standing with Lane Electric, who plans to attend an accredited 2-year or 4-year college in the fall. The spirit and intent of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity for eligible Lane Electric members, or their dependents, who are interested in beginning a college career.

NOTE: Employees and their family members, board members and their family members, and members of the Scholarship Committee and/or members of their families are not eligible to apply.

Application Criteria: If you’re interested in applying for a scholarship, applications are available at the counselor’s office at the local high schools, Lane Electric’s website www.laneelectric.com/scholarships or in our office at 787 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene. Be sure to read the application completely. ***If all of the requirements listed below are not included, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be contacted for an interview.***

To be considered, applicants will:

- Submit a **completed** application packet which is available via:
 - Our website, www.laneelectric.com/scholarships
 - In person at: 787 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, Oregon 97402
 - High school counselor offices
- Write a letter of introduction describing your personal goals and how you intend to use your education.
- Write an essay **and be prepared to talk about it, in detail**, in the interview: “What is an electric co-op.” ***This is likely the single most important area in the entire process. It is the co-op who is offering this opportunity so it is important that you are well versed about cooperatives and Lane Electric.*** Information about co-ops and Lane Electric is included with this application.
- Provide an official copy of your high school transcripts and a concise work history of jobs you’ve worked.
- Include a minimum of two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or staff or personal references.
- Applicants must meet the basic entrance requirements of Lane Community College to be eligible for a Lane Electric scholarship.
- In the case of a graduating senior, the applicant must reside with a parent or legal guardian who is a member, in good standing, with Lane Electric.
- The application should include statements about, but not limited to, the following key areas:
Scholastic Ability • Future Goals • School Activities • Community Involvement • Moral & Ethical Attitude • Conduct

REMINDER: If any of the above items are missing, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.

The Process:

Should you be awarded with a scholarship, funds will be sent directly to the college of your choice, in your name, for your continuing education. Funds may only be used for tuition, books and curriculum related expenses. If a scholarship recipient terminates their program prior to the end of the funding period, the college you have enrolled in MUST refund any unused portion of the scholarship back to Lane Electric.

If for any reason, a recipient fails to register for classes at the college of his or her choice, an alternate may be awarded the scholarship. If alternates are not available, the scholarship shall revert back into Lane Electric's scholarship fund.

Duration:

Scholarship funds are not necessarily limited to one academic year. It is understood that there may be instances whereby the disbursement of these funds must occur over multiple academic years. Should this become necessary, Lane Electric must be notified in advance so proper arrangements can be made.

Interview:

Applicants must be available for a personal interview at Lane Electric's headquarters facility at 787 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, Oregon, 97402. Applicants will be notified of the day, date and time, once candidates have been selected for interview. The scholarship committee reserves the right to determine how many applicants will be interviewed and the number of scholarships to be awarded annually.

Selection:

Lane Electric's scholarship committee will:

- Make the final selections. The committee's decisions are final.
- Notify all applicants once selections have been made.

Recipients:

Applicants are only eligible for one scholarship through Lane Electric's scholarship programs.

Duties:

Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend the following functions to be recognized: commencement exercises, awards ceremonies, and district and/or member meetings. The recipient's photo, name and a brief biography may be used in cooperative communications (website, social media, Ruralite, etc.).

Deadline for Application:

Applications and the required information must be received at Lane Electric's headquarters, located at 787 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, no later than **1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019**.

Mail or deliver completed applications by no later than 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019 to:

**Lane Electric Cooperative
ATTN: Scholarship Program
787 Bailey Hill Rd.
Eugene, Oregon 97402**



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(Please print and use an ink pen)

IMPORTANT: *If you do not complete and submit all the requirements listed under “Application Criteria,” your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview or scholarship.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Address: _____

(Address Must Be in Lane Electric’s Service Area to Qualify)

Guardian: _____

Address: _____

High School Attended: _____

Year Graduated From High School: _____

Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Proposed Field of Study: _____

Have you applied to Lane Community or any other college at this time? Yes ___ No ___

Transcripts: Attach an official copy of your most recent transcripts **or** SAT/ACT scores to the application.

*Have you applied for and/or received any other financial aid at this point? Yes ___ No ___

*If yes to above, please explain or note what you’ve applied for, and the status of your request for, financial assistance (i.e., other scholarships, grants, loans, etc).

DOB: _____ <small>Month Day Year</small>
Name on the Lane Electric Account: _____
Account #: _____
Best way to contact you:
Phone: _____
Cell #: _____
Email: _____
Other: _____

If applicable,

Please list any activities, organizations or clubs you are or have been affiliated with:

Please note any recognitions you've received:

Please list any offices or positions you have held:

Please list any community activities you have been, or are involved with, currently:

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read, and understand that my application must be received at Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc. no later than **1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019** or I will not be considered as a candidate.

I understand that if I am awarded a Lane Electric scholarship, and for some unforeseen reason not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify Lane Electric.

I also understand and agree that if I am selected for a College of Your Choice scholarship, Lane Electric has my permission to publish my name and photograph in the Ruralite magazine, and on its website and social media, as part of the notification process to its membership.

I am, or my legal guardian is, a Lane Electric member, in good standing, and the information I have provided above is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER: Make sure to review the "Application Criteria" section and your application. If you have not completed and do not submit all of the requirements listed under "Application Criteria," your application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview or scholarship.

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In Preparation For Your Essay and Interview

As you prepare your application, you will need to have some awareness and knowledge on the following topics. Information about them is readily available on our website at laneelectric.com, and from Lane Electric's history book, which is available at our headquarters at 787 Bailey Hill Rd., in Eugene.

1. What is a cooperative?

2. Basic facts about Lane Electric and its board of directors.

3. The 7 Cooperative Principles

1. Voluntary and Open Membership – Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.
2. Democratic Member Control – Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.
3. Members' Economic Participation – Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.
4. Autonomy and Independence – Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.
5. Education, Training, and Information – Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives – Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.
7. Concern for Community – While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.

4. How you can participate in your cooperative.

- a) Attend a district or annual meeting: Each year the cooperative holds between 4 and 6 district meetings across the service area, culminating with an annual meeting held at the co-op's headquarters facility. These meetings provide the opportunity for members to review the co-op's previous year's activity. Director elections, bylaw revisions and officer reports provide members with a valuable opportunity to learn about Lane Electric.
- b) Attend a member meeting: From time to time, directors host district wide member meetings. These meetings provide members with an informal setting to discuss their concerns and to learn more about cooperative issues and events.
- c) Serve on the board of directors: A director is elected from each of five districts for a three-year term. Nominating meetings are scheduled prior to the annual meeting for members to select potential director candidates.
- d) Member Committees: Occasionally, Lane Electric will ask members to sit on various committees to provide input to the board and management staff. Past committees have worked on bylaw revisions and the co-op's budget, and a current committee is the one reviewing these scholarship applications!

5. How you can stay informed about your co-op.

- a) Ruralite magazine: This is our main monthly communication source. We use seven pages (usually pages 4, 5, 8, 25, 28, 29 and 32) to update members on important issues, new services, or energy saving tips.
- b) Bill messages: Your monthly bill includes a brief message on a variety of topics.
- c) Direct mail: Often an important issue or meeting does not fit the timelines of *Ruralite* or the bills. In this case, we may mail a notice or postcard to keep you informed.
- d) laneelectric.com: Lane Electric's website offers a variety of information about the co-op. Whether you are interested in programs & services, construction specifications, payment options, rate schedules, or contacting directors, our website has the information you need.