

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ELECTRIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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Scholarship Information and Requirements

Continental Divide Electric is fortunate to have one of the state's largest cooperative-sponsored scholarship programs. Since 1989, the Education Foundation has awarded numerous scholarships to traditional and non-traditional college students to attend school in New Mexico. Grants of up to \$4,000 are annually awarded. Below are answers to the most frequently asked questions about the program. If you have further questions, please contact Education Foundation Coordinator Corina Sandoval at (505) 285-6656, ext. 1013.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be active members of the co-op or immediate family of co-op members. An active member is someone who currently receives Continental Divide electric service. Recipients must use the scholarship money to pursue an established bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in New Mexico. Students must carry and successfully complete at least 12 credit hours (full-time), per semester.

What's the application process?

Along with the application, applicants must attach a copy of their transcript and three letters of recommendation from the high school or college they attended. If the applicant has received the equivalent of a high school degree, such as a G.E.D., or has been out of school for several years, then letters may be obtained from current or past employers or other notable community members.

How are recipients chosen?

The Education Foundation's Scholarship Committee chooses scholarship recipients, based on academic accomplishments, recipient's character and this application's essay.

How much is the scholarship and how long can I receive it?

Grants of up to \$4,000 are awarded each year. The number of grants and amount depend on funds available in the Education Foundation. If an applicant is chosen to receive the full \$4,000, then \$2,000 is awarded for use in fall semester and \$2,000 is awarded for use in spring semester so long as the student remains eligible. The maximum amount a student can receive from the Education Foundation is \$16,000 for four years at the current award. Recipients are required to maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. and earn 12 credit hours, per semester, for the scholarship to be renewed each semester.

By successfully completing this application, you will also be considered for a scholarship from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and Basin Electric Power Cooperative. Each year, Tri-State affords us the opportunity to award two (2) scholarships in the amount of \$500 to the dependent of a CDEC member. Basin affords us the opportunity to award (1) scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Must be received by May 1, 2018)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of father/spouse _____

Name of mother/spouse _____

Are you or your parents active members of Continental Divide Electric Co-op? _____

If yes, list the CDEC account number and the name the account is under _____

Number of dependent children (including applicant) in family _____

Are any other family members attending college? _____ If so, how many? _____

What in-state college or university do you plan to attend? _____

(First choice)

(Second choice)

In what field do you plan to major? _____ Minor? _____

Have you applied for acceptance to any college? _____ If so, where? _____

What are your estimated college expenses for the upcoming school year? _____

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Tell Us About Yourself!

What high school(s) and college(s) have you attended? _____

List any academic honors _____

List participation in any extracurricular activities, clubs and sports _____

How have you been involved in the community? _____

What, if any, work experience do you have?

List type of work, length of employment and name of employers _____

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Tell Us About Your Future!

Describe in approximately 100 words what your future plans are and how this scholarship will benefit you in achieving them. (Please write in your own handwriting in the space provided below)

Don't forget to sign the last page of the application and attach the following:

- 1. An official high school or college transcript, stating your current Grade Point Average. If you have a GED, please provide a copy.**
- 2. Three (3) letters of recommendation from guidance counselors, teachers, principals or superintendent from the school(s) you've attended.**

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Signature Page

In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must maintain above average grades (at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in courses leading to a degree) and demonstrate acceptable standards of citizenship and character in order to continue qualifying in succeeding years when the scholarship is available for more than one year.

Applicant _____ Date _____

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing the scholarship donors. Along with my transcript, I have enclosed three (3) letters of recommendation from guidance counselors, teachers, principals or the superintendent of the school(s) I attended.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian _____ Date _____

Applications should be delivered to Continental Divide Electric Co-op's Grants office at 200 E. High St., or mailed to:

Continental Divide Electric Education Foundation
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