

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.