

Frequently Asked Questions about Adams Electric's Scholarship Program

GENERAL

Where does the money come from for the scholarships?

The funds for Adams Electric Cooperative's scholarship program come from unclaimed patronage capital checks. Each December when the co-op sends patronage capital (or capital credit) checks to eligible current and previous members, some go unclaimed for various reasons. Since 2006, Pennsylvania law states that electric cooperatives may keep the unclaimed money instead of turning it over to the state's general fund, as long as it is used for member education, member assistance or community development.

Can anyone receive an Adams Electric Cooperative Scholarship?

No. Recipients need to be sons or daughters of members (high school scholarship), or members with their name on the bill (adult scholarship).

Why is a head-and-shoulders photo required of all scholarship applicants?

Photos of the scholarship winners are used by Adams Electric Cooperative in publications such as local newspapers, *Penn Lines* magazine and on the co-op's Web site. If submitted electronically, the jpg format is preferred. If a photo is submitted by mail, a sharp, clear photo on photo paper is preferred. Scanned photos will not be accepted because they do not reproduce well.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

I'm a high school senior. How can I apply for the Adams Electric Cooperative Scholarship?

If you attend one of the public high schools listed below, contact your guidance counselor for an application. Each of the schools has their own application process and a committee that decides the winner for their school.

If you attend any other public high school or type of high school (vocational, technical, cyber, private, home school), you may print the application from this website and send it to the address indicated at the bottom of the form. Applications are also available at the co-op's offices in Gettysburg, Shippensburg and York.

Which public high schools have the Adams Electric Cooperative Scholarship program?

Adams County

Bermudian Springs High School

Biglerville High School

Fairfield Area High School

Gettysburg Area High School

Littlestown Senior High School
New Oxford High School

Cumberland County

Big Spring High School

Franklin County

Chambersburg Area Senior High School
Shippensburg Area Senior High School

York County

Dallastown Area High School
Dover Area Senior High School
Kennard-Dale High School
Northern York High School
Red Lion Area Senior High School
South Western High School
Spring Grove Area Senior High School
Susquehannock High School

Can I apply for the high school scholarship online?

Not at this time. However, you can send all required information in a pdf format to *kamin@adamsec.coop*.

Who decides the high school scholarship winners?

For high school seniors attending one of the 17 public schools listed above, a committee at each school decides the winners.

For students attending any other school, Adams Electric's Scholarship Committee decides the winners. The committee is made up of nine member volunteers, one from each director zone. All applicant information given to the committee is depersonalized and given a number so the committee members do not know who is applying. The committee finds out who the applicants are after the scholarship recipient decision has been made.

When can I apply to be considered for the 2012 Adams Electric Cooperative Scholarship for high school seniors?

If you attend one of the public schools listed above, see your guidance counselor for deadlines. If you attend any other school, applications for the high school scholarships must be postmarked no sooner than January 2, 2012, and no later than March 16, 2012.

ADULT SCHOLARSHIP

Is there an age restriction for the adult scholarship?

The applicant must be old enough to be a member of the co-op, with an electric account in his/her name (responsible for paying the electric bills). There is no upper age limit.

I'm a college student living with my parents. Do I qualify for an adult scholarship?

No. The adult scholarship is intended for Adams Electric Cooperative members – those whose name appears on the electric bill/account.

Who is eligible for an adult scholarship?

The adult scholarship is intended for members who are without jobs or switching jobs and need more education or training to move ahead in life.

I applied for an adult scholarship a year or more ago. Can I apply again?

Yes. If you are accepted or currently enrolled in a degree or certification program, you may apply again.

Do I need to send an official college transcript with the application, or will an unofficial transcript work just as well?

An official transcript from the college or training facility is required. Not sending all required materials and information with the application will lessen your chances of receiving a scholarship.

Can I apply for the adult scholarship if I take classes online?

Yes. You may be earning your degree or certification in person or online.

Can I apply for the adult scholarship if I'm taking a few classes that interest me?

No. Applicants need to be working toward a degree or certification.

Can I apply for the adult scholarship online?

Not at this time. However, you can send all required information in a pdf format to *kamin@adamsec.coop*.

How can I get my name added to our electric bill?

Call Adams Electric Cooperative toll-free, at 888/232-6732 to request a new membership application. You and the person already on the account will both need to complete and sign the application. After the new application is returned to the co-op, your name can be added to the account. *NOTE:* The people signing a membership application are equally responsible for paying the electric bills from Adams Electric.

Who decides on the adult scholarship winners?

Adams Electric's Scholarship Committee decides the winners. The committee is made up of nine member volunteers, one from each director zone. All applicant information given to the committee is depersonalized and given a number so the committee members do not know who is applying. The committee finds out who the applicants are after the scholarship recipient decision has been made.

On what basis are scholarship winners chosen?

The Scholarship Committee chooses the winners based mainly on the need and employability of the applicant. The committee also looks at the essay answers for content and the applicant's written communication skills.

When can I apply for the 2012 Adams Electric Cooperative Adult Scholarship?

The 2012 applications need to be postmarked no sooner than May 1, 2012 and no later than July 31, 2012.