

2026-2027

- Mountain Electric Cooperative Employee's children are ineligible to apply.
- Any graduating senior (attending high school or home schooled) residing in Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area and who intends to enter, or who is enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college on a full-time basis in the fall of 2026 may apply.
- Any college student residing in Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area and who intends to enter, or who is enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college on a full-time basis in the fall of 2026 may apply. College students currently enrolled in an accredited college are also eligible.
- **Students are not eligible to receive more than one OPC scholarship.**
- Application must be made on the official Operation Pocket Change ("OPC") Scholarship Application form. **THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED** and must include; one letter of recommendation, a certified transcript of high school grades, ACT or SAT scores (if required), class ranking, a copy of your completed FAFSA Student Aid Report (including your Expected Family Contribution amount), and a close-up picture of applicant. Note the picture should be a close-up of applicant which would be suitable for magazine publication, placed in a marked envelope and attached to application. Pictures may also be provided in electronic format (jpg or jpeg). Electronic pictures must be submitted by email to ssnyder@mountainelectric.com with the applicant's name stated in the subject line. Pictures with low quality resolution cannot be accepted, i.e. cell phone pictures. Applications to a community college or technical school do not require ACT/SAT scores. The application must be turned in to Mountain Electric or the local HS guidance counselor no later than **Friday, April 3, 2026**. Applications submitted to Mountain Electric shall be delivered to any office location or mailed to:

Attn: OPC Scholarship Committee
Mountain Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 180
Mountain City, TN 37683

- Financial need, scholarship (GPA, ACT, SAT), accomplishments, other scholarships received, and faculty/employer recommendations will be considered in the selection of the recipient.
- The application requires applicant to list other scholarships applied for and the amount applied for or the amount awarded. Applicants not reporting other scholarships applied for and/or applicants receiving other assistance equivalent to a full-ride scholarship may be disqualified after an OPC scholarship is awarded.
- This year, there will be over twenty scholarships available, each in the amount of \$1,000-\$2,000.
- The scholarship is available only through the end of this year. The OPC treasurer will make payment directly to the college. The student must present the OPC treasurer with a receipt verifying enrollment, class schedule and appropriate college contact information (including college billing department phone number/address and payment instructions).
- The deadline for submitting documentation is January 1, 2027. Documentation received after the deadline will not be accepted and scholarship recipient will forfeit all rights to the award. If the scholarship recipient does not enter college and/or misses the documentation deadline, the scholarship will be returned to the OPC fund and awarded the following year.

OPERATION POCKET CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Applicant must reside within Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area)

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

EMAIL _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ single _____ married: NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:
NAME(S) _____

MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

FATHER'S EMPLOYER, HIS POSITION, ETC. _____

MOTHER'S EMPLOYER, HER POSITION, ETC. _____

FATHER AND MOTHER GROSS INCOME FOR 2025 _____

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY AND AGE OF EACH _____

LIST REASONS FOR FINANCIAL NEED:

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE ATTENDING _____

ANTICIPATED COURSE OF STUDY: _____

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED FOR FAFSA? _____, EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)_____

IF NOT, EXPLAIN WHY _____

LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLIED FOR AND/OR AMOUNT RECEIVED: _____

Applicants not reporting other scholarships applied for and applicants receiving other assistance equivalent to a full-ride scholarship may be disqualified after an OPC scholarship is awarded.

Applicant must have one letter of recommendation from High School Principal, administrator, guidance counselor, teacher, employer or a person that can attest to your character. Letter of recommendation must be submitted with application.

PERSONS WHO PROVIDE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

NAME _____ OCCUPATION _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE: _____

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

- Certified transcript of high school grades.
- Certified college entrance exam (A.C.T. /S.A.T.) score (if required).
- Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report including the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) amount.
- A close-up picture of you or jpg image, which would be suitable for magazine publication. Please place picture in a marked envelope and attach to application. A jpg image can be submitted and emailed to ssnyder@mountainelectric.com, please specify name in the subject line. Pictures with low quality resolution cannot be accepted.

The information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Relationship)

(Date)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

April 3, 2026

RETURN TO: HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR or:

Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**OPC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 180
Mountain City, TN 37683**