



## Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives' Education Scholarship Foundation



The Education Scholarship Foundation awards \$1,000 scholarships annually. A combination of weighted criteria is used in the selection process: 40 percent financial need, 40 percent academic achievement and 20 percent personal statement. Funds must be applied towards tuition, student fees, room and board or textbooks.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Primary residence of applicant's parent or legal guardian must receive its electric power from Southside Electric Cooperative.
2. Applicant must be a senior graduating from either high or home school in 2017.
3. Applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a post-secondary school in fall 2017. Proof of admission will be required if selected to receive a scholarship.

### Application Steps

**Application Deadline: Feb. 10, 2017**

**STEP 1:** Complete the VMDAEC Education Scholarship application by visiting [www.sec.coop/scholarship](http://www.sec.coop/scholarship). If there is no access to a computer, the form can be handwritten. Do not leave any sections blank. Failure to provide the requested information will result in disqualification. Send the application electronically via email **using the submit button in the lower right-hand corner of the form** or scan it and email to [scholarship@vmdaec.com](mailto:scholarship@vmdaec.com) **no later than 10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017.**

**STEP 2:** Compile all documents listed below. Do not staple, paper clip, insert into binders or fold. Do not send any of these documents separately. Seal all documents in **one envelope** in the following sequence (from front to back):

- Copy of application (pages 1 & 2) — **completed, signed and dated.**
- Copy of most recent electric bill from your electric cooperative for primary residence.
- One copy of the Personal Statement. See directions under Personal Statement Section.
- Copy of preliminary official high- or home-school transcript. If it is school policy, the transcript can be sealed in a separate envelope.
- Copy of Standardized Test Scores (SAT and/or ACT).
- **Copy of acceptance letter on postsecondary school letterhead. If not yet received or known, it can be omitted in packet, but MUST be provided before funds are dispersed.**
- Recommendation letter written by someone not related to applicant.

**STEP 3:** Submit the envelope containing the required documents to VMDAEC Education Scholarship Selection Committee using one of two delivery options:

- Mail — 4201 Dominion Blvd., Suite 101, Glen Allen, VA 23060  
**Postmark no later than midnight, Friday, Feb. 10, 2017**
- Hand deliver — 4201 Dominion Blvd., Suite 101, Glen Allen, VA 23060  
**No later than 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017**

In May, award notifications are emailed to applicants who have been selected to receive a scholarship. **If chosen, you will be required to provide your new student ID#, your acceptance letter from the post-secondary school, and the name and mailing address of the department (Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, etc.) that should receive your scholarship check. Funds will not be dispersed until this information is received.**

If assistance is needed with any part of this application process, contact Nina Jacobs, manager of administrative services, at scholarship@vmdaec.com or call (804) 968-4084. Regretfully, **due to the volume of applications received, we are not always able to notify those who will not receive a scholarship.** Please feel free to call or email VMDAEC for an update on the status of your application.

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