



High School Seniors Can Apply Now for 2016 VMDAEC Scholarships

Are you a high school or homeschooled senior graduating in 2016? If your parents are members of Southside Electric Cooperative (SEC) and have a primary residence that's served by the Cooperative, then you're eligible to apply now for a \$1,000 scholarship!

Scholarships are awarded by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives' (VMDAEC) Education Scholarship Foundation. An applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a college or technical/trade school in the fall of 2016. Scholarships must be used towards tuition, student fees, room and board or textbooks.

The foundation selects scholarship recipients based on a combination of the following weighted criteria: financial need at 40 percent, academic achievement at 40 percent and a personal statement at 20 percent.

Application Steps

STEP 1. Complete the VMDAEC Education Scholarship application form by logging on to www.sec.coop/scholarship. Please complete the entire form — failure to provide requested information will result in disqualification.

Send the application electronically via email using the submit button in the lower left-hand corner of the form. Applications must be submitted no later than midnight on **Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016**.

STEP 2. Compile all documents listed below. You can upload them using the upload button in the application or mail them. To upload, scan all documents into a single PDF (use your name for the file name).



If you are mailing, do not staple, paper clip, insert into binders or fold. Do not send any of these documents separately, except where noted. Seal all documents in one envelope in the following sequence (from front to back):

1. Copy of acknowledgement email (not required, if you are uploading them in the application).
2. Copy of most recent electric bill from SEC serving your primary residence.
3. A personal statement plus two copies. This must be a one-page, typed and double-spaced document with your full name in the right-hand top corner. The Foundation Board will score the statements based on the following: how compelling your statement is about why you should be selected to receive a scholarship, your financial need, your involvement in school and community activities, your family dynamics and how well you follow directions. Points will be deducted if you include a resume, profile of extracurricular activities, certificates or other personal records.
4. Copy of preliminary high or homeschool transcript.
5. Copy of standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT).
6. Recommendation letter written by someone not related to you.

If not uploading, submit the envelope containing the required documents to:

**VMDAEC Education Scholarship
Selection Committee
4201 Dominion Blvd., Suite 101
Glen Allen, VA 23060**

Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016, or hand-delivered no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016.

Since its inception in 2001, the VMDAEC Education Scholarship Foundation has awarded 517 electric cooperative scholarships totaling \$416,500. The number of scholarships awarded each year is based upon funds available. Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for Southside Electric

Cooperative and the 14 other not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives serving the Mid-Atlantic region. It is based in Glen Allen, Virginia and provides safety and employee training, governmental relations and communications services, including the publishing of *Cooperative Living* magazine for its member co-ops.

For more information, visit www.sec.coop/scholarship or www.vmdaec.com, or contact Pam Johnson, manager of continuing education and training, at pjohnson@odec.com or (804) 968-7153.

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