



Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program 2026-2027 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program provides post-secondary scholarship opportunities for qualified graduating high school seniors from Southern Beaufort, Jasper or Hampton Counties in South Carolina.

Priority is given to qualified students with significant demonstrated financial need who plan to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited college, university, or technical school. The Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program is administered in partnership with the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be a legal resident residing in Southern Beaufort, Jasper or Hampton Counties in South Carolina, and a high school senior scheduled to graduate in the spring of the current school year. Applicants attending one of the three South Carolina Governor's School programs or homeschool students are also eligible to apply.
2. Applicant must demonstrate strong financial need.
3. Applicant must have been accepted to, and will be attending an accredited college, university or technical school, with a plan to pursue a 2-year or 4-year degree program.
4. Applicant's GPA must have 80 or above on a 100 point scale.
5. Applicants pursuing a 4-year degree programs must submit SAT or ACT scores.

Application Requirements

1. A completed [online Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship Application](#). This scholarship considers financial need in addition to other criteria. Be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need.
2. Typed essay (approximately 500 words) explaining the applicant's career plans after obtaining a degree, and how this scholarship will assist the applicant in achieving these career goals.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, sent via third party email from a school counselor or teacher.
4. One Recommendation Questionnaire Form completed by a subject matter teacher and sent via third party email from the reference.
5. A copy of the Submission Summary from the FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index as additional information for further consideration by the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Up to \$5,000 for a 4-year degree program Up to \$3,000 for a 2-year degree program	Deadline	February 28, 2026

The Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship aims to award one recipient in each of the three counties served (Southern Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton). If no eligible or competitive applicant is available in one county, the committee may reallocate that award to another county, with a maximum of three total scholarships granted each year.

Selection of Recipients

The Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients. Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Palmetto Electric Cooperative Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter, on behalf of Palmetto Electric Cooperative, and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by Palmetto Electric Cooperative and/or the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation, on behalf of Palmetto Electric Cooperative, will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program for which they have been selected.. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.