Boone Electric Community Trust
$2,000 Bob Alderson Scholarship

High School or At-Large Application

**High School Application:** Nine recipients of the Bob Alderson Boone Electric Community Trust High School Scholarship will be announced in May 2020. Scholarships may be awarded to one senior from each of the following high schools:

- Battle High School
- Centralia High School
- Douglass High School
- Hallsville High School
- Harrisburg High School
- Hickman High School
- Rock Bridge High School
- Southern Boone County High School
- Sturgeon High School

The attached application form gives further details of eligibility and procedures. **All high school applicants should consult their school’s Guidance Office for their deadline.** Be sure to return your completed application to your high school guidance counselor. If you have further questions, contact the Rhonda Proctor at 573-449-4181 or rproctor@booneelectric.com.

**At-Large Application:** Up to four recipients of the Bob Alderson Boone Electric Community Trust At-Large Scholarship will be announced in May 2020. At-large scholarships are available for students from private schools, home schools or nontraditional backgrounds.

The attached application form provides details of eligibility and procedures for at-large applicants. If you have questions, please contact the Rhonda Proctor at 573-449-4181 or rproctor@booneelectric.com. Please send your completed application by **Friday, March 13, 2020** to:

Community Trust Scholarship Program
c/o Communications Department
P.O. Box 797
Columbia, MO 65205
The Boone Electric Community Trust was established in December 1997 to provide grants for charitable or educational projects in the Boone Electric Cooperative service area. A board of trustees appointed by the Cooperative’s Board of Directors manages the Community Trust.

The Community Trust is funded from three sources. The first is Operation Round Up, which enables Boone Electric members to round up their electric bill to the next higher dollar amount each month. The second is through unclaimed capital credits, those capital credits checks that are undeliverable because members have moved and left no forwarding address. One-time donations, estates and other contributions may also be part of Trust funding.

**Eligibility:**
1. Recipients must permanently reside in the Boone Electric Cooperative service area. However, they do not have to be a Cooperative member. Children of Boone Electric employees are eligible to apply but BEC employees are not eligible.
2. Recipients must attend or plan to attend an accredited college, university or other postsecondary institution (trade or technical) within the U.S.
3. Recipients must demonstrate evidence of financial need.
4. Full-time enrollment is required; however, exceptions may be made for at-large applicants. Please see Full-Time Enrollment Exceptions.
5. Recipients may reapply for additional years of scholarship support as an At-Large applicant.

**Procedure:**
1. Applicant must be accepted to an accredited college, university, or other post-secondary institution within the U.S. and submit a financial aid application, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to that institution.
2. Applicants must submit the following information with their application to receive consideration for a Boone Electric Community Trust scholarship:
   - Completed, typed Trust scholarship application
   - High school or current transcript. Applicants must submit transcripts for any postsecondary institution they have attended. If they have fewer than 24 semester hours of postsecondary credit, they must also submit a high school transcript.
   - One recommendation form. References from relatives or family members will not be accepted.
3. Applications will be rated based on the following criteria:
   - Scholastic achievement
   - Financial need
   - Community service
   - Leadership activities
4. Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the college or university the recipient attends. The recipient must meet the institution’s requirements for full-time enrollment and satisfactory academic progress in order to receive awarded funds.
5. A 300-500 word essay on the following prompt: “Area farmers came together to get the first rural electric cooperative to form in the state of Missouri. Their passion was the start of Boone Electric Cooperative. Tell us what you are passionate about and how you would make it a realization.”

**Scholarship Amount:**
The amount of the award offered through this program will be paid toward the cost required for tuition, lab fees, textbooks, and the cost of room and board at the institution, for a maximum award of $2,000. The recipient cannot use the funds to cover the costs of club fees or other such activities.
**Payment Procedures:**
Payments will be made payable to the institution after the Trust Coordinator receives confirmation that the recipient is enrolled full-time for the term for which the award is made. No payment will be made directly to the applicant (i.e. student).

The recipient must authorize the school to send verification of enrollment to the Trust Coordinator at Boone Electric Cooperative before the semester begins. Failure to have the documentation sent at least three weeks before the semester begins will cause forfeiture of the scholarship.

Payments will be made in two consecutive $1,000 installments (fall and spring). If the student is attending a non-traditional trade school with a shorter enrollment length, the payment may be made in one installment.

Any unspent funds in the student’s account over the amount of $100 should be returned to the Trust.

**Duration of the Scholarship:** The scholarship will be offered for a period of one academic year (nine months). Payable for consecutive fall and spring semesters

**Loss of Eligibility:** Payment of the scholarship shall cease immediately if at any time the recipient ceases to attend the institution on a full-time basis.

The high school scholarship will not continue beyond one academic year. High school recipients may re-apply as At-Large candidates the following year.

**Medical Exemptions:**
If a recipient ceases to attend the institution due to a serious illness, the recipient is eligible to receive any unused portion of the scholarship the next term. The Trust Coordinator must receive confirmation of the recipient’s enrollment before the money is sent to the institution.

**Transferability of Scholarships to Other Institutions:** Upon written prior approval, a recipient may transfer the scholarship to attend another postsecondary institution at the end of a term. The receiving institution must send verification of enrollment to the Trust Coordinator at Boone Electric Cooperative at least two weeks before the semester begins. Failure to have verification sent by the second week of the current semester may cause forfeiture of the scholarship.

**Full-Time Enrollment Exceptions:**
Enrollment exceptions can be made for at-large scholarship recipients with a nontraditional background. For example, a recipient attending classes while working a full-time job could be enrolled part time. At-large recipients who were home schooled or who attended a private school must be enrolled full time in college.

The Boone Electric Community Trust Board reserves the right to review each scholarship award on an as-needed basis.

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A. General Information

1. Name:

2. Address (street, city, state, zip):

3. Daytime Phone:

4. Email Address:

5. Please list dependents living in current household and their relationship to you:

6. Do any other family members or dependents attend college?  Yes ☐   No ☐

7. What college, university or post-secondary institution do you plan to attend?

List the address and phone number of the financial aid office of the institution you plan to attend.

8. Intended course of study:

9. For how many credit hours do you intend to enroll?  
   *(You must be enrolled full time to receive the scholarship.)*
   per semester:  per year:

10. What is your anticipated (college/university/post-secondary) graduation date?

11. Describe your career plans:

12. Describe your community service and/or leadership activities:

13. List honors or awards that you have received:
**B. Scholastic Achievement (Please attach a copy of your high school transcript)**

1. High school grade point average:

2. □ ACT Score: □ SAT Score:

**C. Financial Information**

1. Will your parents/guardians or others help finance your education? Yes □ No □

   If yes, what will be their estimated contribution *per semester*?

   Parents/Guardian: Other:

2. Please list all scholarships, grants and/or loans that you are receiving and the amount *per semester*:

3. Do you plan to work while in school? Yes □ No □

   If no, please skip to question #4.

   Do you plan to work full or part time? Full time □ Part time □

   What will your income be *per semester*?

   Will your employer provide tuition reimbursement? Yes □ No □

   If yes, please explain provisions.

4. What other sources of income will you utilize if you do not receive this scholarship?

**D. Expenses**

1. What is the anticipated cost *per year* at your chosen college/university/post-secondary institution?

2. Please provide any additional information you think might convince the selection committee that you should be chosen to receive this scholarship.
The information contained in this application is for the purpose of obtaining funding from the Boone Electric Community Trust on behalf of the undersigned. The undersigned agrees that the information provided is used to determine grant funding, and the undersigned represents and warrants that the information provided is true and correct until a written notice of change is provided. The Boone Electric Community Trust is authorized to make all inquiries that they deem necessary to verify the accuracy of the statement made herein.

Signature of Applicant____________________________________ Date___________________

Please give completed application and related documents to the Guidance Office at your school.

Before you turn in this application:

☐ Verify that all portions of the application are completed.

☐ Make sure that you have included one recommendation form.

☐ Sign and date the application.

☐ Verify that you have included your high school transcript.
**Electric Community Trust Scholarship**  
**Recommendation Form**

Applicant’s name ____________________________________________

Please rate the applicant on the following criteria by placing a check mark in the appropriate box for each attribute (mark “Not applicable” if your relationship with the applicant has not provided you the opportunity to evaluate a specific area).

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Please comment on your ratings in the categories above and provide additional information regarding the applicant’s need for scholarship support.

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Please comment on the applicant’s involvement in leadership and community activities.

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What is your relationship to the applicant? _________________________________

Name ___________________________________________ Title ___________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________________________________ Date ____________________________