



## **Bob Alderson Community Trust Scholarship**

### High School Application - Guidelines

# 2026

#### **History of the Scholarship:**

The Boone Electric Community Trust was established in December 1997 to provide grants for charitable and educational projects in the Boone Electric Cooperative service area. A board of trustees appointed by the cooperative's board of directors manages the Boone Electric 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 highest dollar amount each month, with the extra change going to the Trust. The second is through unclaimed capital credits from members who have moved and left no forwarding address. A third option is through one-time donations, estate planning and other contributions.

The scholarship is named in honor of Robert "Bob" Alderson, a long-serving CEO of Boone Electric.

#### **Scholarship Amount:**

The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000 which is payable as \$1,000 each for fall and spring semesters after the student graduates from high school. These must be consecutive semesters. Scholarship monies are to be used for tuition, lab fees, textbooks and the cost of room and board at the institution. The recipient cannot use the funds to cover the costs of club fees or other activities. All funds are payable directly to the accredited college, university, or other post-secondary institution within the U.S.

Ten high school recipients of the Bob Alderson Community Trust Scholarship will be announced in May 2026. 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 High School  
Sturgeon High School  
Fr. Tolton High School

Students who attend a private high school that is not listed above but is located in the Boone Electric Cooperative service territory, and homeschooled students, must apply using the homeschool application.

#### **Eligibility:**

1. Recipients must permanently reside in the Boone Electric Cooperative service area. However, they do not have to be a cooperative member or live in a member household. Spouses and children of Boone Electric employees are eligible to apply. Boone Electric Board of Directors, Trustees and employees are not eligible.
2. Recipients must attend an accredited college, university or other postsecondary institution (trade or technical) within the U.S.
3. Full-time enrollment is required; however, exceptions may be made. Exceptions need to be approved before disbursement of funds can be made.

Recipients may reapply for additional years of scholarship support as an At-Large applicant.

## **Payment Procedures & Exceptions:**

If chosen to receive the scholarship, 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 or parent). 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 documentation sent at least three weeks before the semester begins may cause forfeiture of the scholarship.** Acceptable documentation includes a class schedule or enrollment letter from the institution that includes their logo and the student's name. These may be emailed to the Trust Coordinator.

*Duration of the scholarship:* The scholarship is offered for a period of one academic year (nine months), payable for consecutive fall and spring semesters. If the student is attending a nontraditional trade school with a shorter enrollment length, the payments may be made in one installment.

*Loss of eligibility:* Payment of the scholarship shall cease immediately if 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 reapply 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 have any unused portion of the scholarship applied to their student account the next term. The Trust Coordinator must receive confirmation of the recipient's enrollment before more funds are sent to the institution. The Trust Coordinator must be informed in writing when the recipient ceases to attend the institution.

*Transfer of scholarship to other institutions:* A recipient may transfer the scholarship to another post-secondary institution at the end of a term or semester. Verification of enrollment from the receiving institution must be received by the Trust Coordinator at least three weeks before the semester begins. Failure to have verification sent by the second week of the current semester may cause forfeiture of the scholarship.

## **How to Apply:**

1. Complete the High School Application if you are a current high school senior. Type or print legibly.
2. Applicants must submit the following information with their application to receive consideration for a scholarship:
  - A complete typed or clearly printed Trust Scholarship Application.
  - Current high school transcript. An unofficial transcript will be accepted, provided it is legible. *Hand-written and/or photos of student accounts will not be accepted.*
  - A copy of your family's current FAFSA Submission Summary.
3. Please attach on a separate piece of paper a 300-500 word response that follows the prompt of:  
**Think about someone you admire as a great leader. This could be a famous figure or someone in your everyday life who inspires you: Who is a leader that has made a big impact on you, and why do you look up to them? What qualities or actions make them a true leader in your eyes? How have they influenced the kind of leader you want to become?** Responses should be typed or legibly handwritten.

## **Grading Procedures:**

1. Applications will be rated based on the following criteria:
  - Scholastic achievement
  - Community service
  - Leadership activities
  - Financial need
  - Response based on provided prompt
2. All scholarships are graded by a panel of associated BEC Trust Reviewers and Trustees. All personal identifiers are redacted so the application and supporting documents are reviewed on their own merits.



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**High School Application - Cover Sheet**

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**General Information:**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Email: *(Do not use a school assigned email)* \_\_\_\_\_

4. Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. If under the age of 18 as of due date, please include parent(s) and/or guardian's name:

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

6. School attending senior year: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

The information contained in this application is for the purpose of obtaining funding from the Bob Alderson Community Trust Scholarship (aka Boone Electric Community Trust) on behalf of the undersigned. The undersigned agrees that the information provided will be used to determine scholarship 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 statements made herein.

Signature of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Where to send the application:**

**Email (preferred)**

BECTrust@BooneElectric.com

**Mail**

(Must be postmarked by scholarship due date)  
Boone Electric Cooperative  
Attn: Trust Scholarships  
P.O. Box 797  
Columbia, MO 65205

**In Person**

Boone Electric Cooperative  
1413 Rangeline St.  
Columbia, MO 65201

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**Tell us about yourself:**

1. Please list the ages of the people **living** in your current household and their relationship to you. (example: sibling - 8 years old, parent - 40 years old, etc.) **Do not list names.**

2. Do any other family members **living** in your same household attend college?      Yes      No

How many total are attending college? \_\_\_\_\_ (Remember to count yourself)

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

4. Intended course of study?

5. How many credit hours do you intend to enroll? (You must be enrolled full time to receive the scholarship)  
per semester: \_\_\_\_\_ per year: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What are your career plans?

7. List your community service/volunteer activities, be specific:

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8. List your extracurricular school activities.

9. List any leadership positions that you have held in your community service or school-related activities, be specific:

10. List honors or awards that you have received (school or community):

**Scholastic Achievement:**

1. Unweighted high school grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_ (must provide transcript to verify)

2. ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** SAT score: \_\_\_\_\_ (must provide verifiable proof)

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### **Financial Information:**

1. Do you plan to work while in school?      Yes      No      If yes:      Full Time      Part Time  
If no, please explain why:

2. What other sources of support will you utilize if you do not receive this scholarship?

### **Expenses:**

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

### **Additional Comments:**

1. What other information would you like the scholarship committee to know that has not been addressed in your application? (Please do not use any names or identifiers in your answer and restrict your answer to one paragraph on this page.)

### **Response to Prompt:**

Please attach on a separate piece of paper a 300-500 word response that follows the prompt of:

**Think about someone you admire as a great leader. This could be a famous figure or someone in your everyday life who inspires you: Who is a leader that has made a big impact on you, and why do you look up to them? What qualities or actions make them a true leader in your eyes? How have they influenced the kind of leader you want to become?** Response should be typed or legibly handwritten.

### **Before you turn in this application:** (please initial)

\_\_\_\_ Verify that your contact information is accurate.

*Do not use a school assigned email as you may not have access to it over the summer.*

\_\_\_\_ Sign and date application

\_\_\_\_ Attach your high school transcript

\_\_\_\_ Attach your current FAFSA Submission Summary

\_\_\_\_ Attach your response based on the prompt provided

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