

## 2024-2025

- Mountain Electric Cooperative Employee's children are ineligible to apply.
- Any graduating senior (attending high school or home schooled) residing in Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area and who intends to enter, or who is enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college on a full-time basis in the fall of 2024 may apply.
- Any college student residing in Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area and who intends to enter, or who is enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college on a full-time basis in the fall of 2024 may apply. College students currently enrolled in an accredited college are also eligible.
- **Students are not eligible to receive more than one OPC scholarship.**
- Application must be made on the official Operation Pocket Change ("OPC") Scholarship Application form. THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED and must include; two letters of recommendations, a certified transcript of high school grades, ACT or SAT scores (if required), class ranking, a copy of your completed FAFSA Student Aid Report (including your Expected Family Contribution amount), a copy of parents or guardian's tax return and a close-up picture of applicant. Note the picture should be a close-up of applicant which would be suitable for magazine publication, placed in a marked envelope and attached to application. Pictures may also be provided in electronic format (jpg or jpeg). Electronic pictures must be submitted by email to [ssnyder@mountainelectric.com](mailto:ssnyder@mountainelectric.com) with the applicant's name stated in the subject line. **Pictures with low quality resolution cannot be accepted, i.e. cell phone pictures.** Applications to a community college or technical school do not require ACT/SAT scores. The application must be turned in to Mountain Electric or the local HS guidance counselor no later than **Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024**. Applications submitted to Mountain Electric shall be delivered or mailed to:

Attn: OPC Scholarship Committee  
Mountain Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 180  
Mountain City, TN 37683

- Financial need, scholarship (GPA, ACT, SAT), accomplishments, other scholarships received, and faculty/employer recommendations will be considered in the selection of the recipient.
- The application requires applicant to list other scholarships applied for and the amount applied for or the amount awarded. Applicants not reporting other scholarships applied for and/or applicants receiving other assistance equivalent to a full-ride scholarship may be disqualified after an OPC scholarship is awarded.
- This year, there will be over twenty scholarships available, each in the amount of \$1,000-\$2,000.
- The scholarship is available only through the end of this year. The OPC treasurer will make payment directly to the college. The student must present the OPC treasurer with a receipt verifying enrollment, class schedule and appropriate college contact information (including college billing department phone number/address and payment instructions).
- The deadline for submitting documentation is January 1, 2025. Documentation received after the deadline will not be accepted and scholarship recipient will forfeit all rights to the award. If the scholarship recipient does not enter college and/or misses the documentation deadline, the scholarship will be returned to the OPC fund and awarded the following year.

# OPERATION POCKET CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Applicant must reside within Mountain Electric Cooperative’s service area)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ single \_\_\_\_\_ married: NUMBER OF CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:  
NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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FATHER’S EMPLOYER, HIS POSITION, ETC. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER’S EMPLOYER, HER POSITION, ETC. \_\_\_\_\_

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FATHER AND MOTHER GROSS INCOME FOR 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

**COPY OF 2022 OR 2023 TAX RETURNS MUST BE INCLUDED**

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY AND AGE OF EACH \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN FAMILY WHO WILL BE IN COLLEGE DURING COMING YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

LIST REASONS FOR FINANCIAL NEED: \_\_\_\_\_

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GRADE POINT AVERAGE \_\_\_\_\_ RANK IN SENIOR CLASS of (if enrolled in high school) \_\_\_\_\_

A.C.T. or S.A.T COMPOSITE SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Community Colleges and/or Technical Schools, A.C.T. /S.A.T. scores not required)

LIST HIGH SCHOOL HONORS AND AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMUNITY, SCHOOL AND CHURCH ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS IN LAST FOUR YEARS:

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WORK EXPERIENCE (part and/or full-time, include name of supervisor) \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF, YOUR BACKGROUND, EDUCATIONAL GOALS, PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS, INTERESTS AND OTHER SUCH INFORMATION THAT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

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(Attach extra sheet if more space is needed)

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND OR ARE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED COURSE OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED FOR FAFSA? \_\_\_\_\_, EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)\_\_\_\_\_

IF NOT, EXPLAIN WHY \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLIED FOR AND/OR AMOUNT RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants not reporting other scholarships applied for and applicants receiving other assistance equivalent to a full-ride scholarship may be disqualified after an OPC scholarship is awarded.**

**Applicant must have two letters of recommendation from High School Principal, administrator, guidance counselor, teacher, employer or a person that can attest to your character. Letters of recommendation must be submitted with application.**

PERSONS WHO PROVIDE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:**

- **Certified transcript of high school grades.**
- **Certified college entrance exam (A.C.T. /S.A.T.) score (if required).**
- **Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report including the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) amount.**
- **Copy of 2023 Tax Return for Parent(s)/Guardian**
- **A close-up picture of you or jpg image, which would be suitable for magazine publication. Please place picture in a marked envelope and attach to application. A jpg image can be submitted and emailed to [ssnyder@mountainelectric.com](mailto:ssnyder@mountainelectric.com) , please specify name in the subject line. Pictures with low quality resolution cannot be accepted.**

The information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

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(Relationship)

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(Date)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **April 3, 2024**

RETURN TO: HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR or: **Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
OPC Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 180  
Mountain City, TN 37683**