

WST offers scholarships from unclaimed funds

Washington St. Tammany Electric is proud to continue its annual academic scholarship program to support education and reward excellent academic achievement. The program is open to WSTE members who meet the qualifications below. Recipients will be selected in a random drawing at the cooperative's annual meeting on Saturday, May 7, 2022, at Franklinton High School. According to WSTE General Manager Charles Hill, the scholarship program is funded using unclaimed money that otherwise would be reverted to the state treasury. Hill explained that in 2007 the Louisiana Legislature passed a statute (R.S. 12:420) that allows electric cooperatives to use unreturnable funds and unclaimed deposits for academic scholarships in the co-op's community. "This money doesn't come out of the rates our members pay every month," Hill said. "This is money that - before this law was passed - used to go into the state treasury in Baton Rouge. But we're glad this law was passed so that we can use this money to make a positive impact right here in our service area. "This scholarship program is just one of the many services and initiatives we offer at the co-op in our effort to do what we can to help improve the quality of life for our members." Hill said he encourages local students to apply for the available scholarships.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicant must be a Washington St. Tammany Electric member, child, or legal ward of a member for at least 12 consecutive months as of May 7, 2022, and currently in good standing. Applicant must be a high school senior or already enrolled in an institute of higher education. Only one scholarship will be awarded per membership, per family, per year.
2. A student can only receive the WST scholarship one time. It is not negotiable. The term of the scholarship will be for one continuous academic year beginning with the fall semester of 2022.
3. Scholarships can be used by students to attend, on a full-time basis, any Louisiana accredited institute of higher learning.
4. A first-time college student applying for a WST scholarship must have upon graduation from high school a 2.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).
5. A continuing student seeking the scholarship must have achieved an accumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) on all prior college work.
6. The scholarship funds will be paid to the recipients at the beginning of each semester upon presentation of an official receipt for the payment of full-time tuition. To receive the next semester (or quarter) payment, in addition to a tuition receipt, a student will have to provide evidence that he or she successfully completed the previous semester or quarter (on a full-time basis) with a grade point average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
7. Recipients will be chosen at a random drawing at the WST Annual Meeting held May 7, 2022.
8. Persons whose names are drawn will be required to provide WST with an official transcript verifying their eligibility when enrolled.
9. Each scholarship awarded shall be up to a total of \$1,000.00, payable in two semesters.

10. Applicant or their sponsoring member need not be present to win.
11. Application must be returned to the WST Franklinton office by 4:00 p.m. May 6, 2022.
12. Washington-St. Tammany employees, directors, and their immediate family members are not eligible. (An immediate family member defined as: spouse, child and/or dependents.)

Find more information by visiting www.wste.coop.

WSTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PARISH _____ PHONE # _____

BIRTHDATE _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED _____ GPA _____

WST MEMBER NAME _____

WST MEMBER ADDRESS _____

WST ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

MEMBER'S RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

AREA OF STUDY _____

NUMBER OF HOURS YOU PLAN TO TAKE PER SEMESTER _____

STUDENTS' SIGNATURE _____

MEMBERS' SIGNATURE _____

SEND TO: WST ELECTRIC, P.O. 697, FRANKLINTON, LA 70438

ATTN: Coylean Schloegel/Scholarship

Or email to cschloegel@wste.coop

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4 P.M., May 6, 2022