

## Auxiliary Scholarship Program

1. Name / purpose of scholarship?
  - a. The KEC Auxiliary encourages educational advancement by awarding high education scholarships to eligible students. Auxiliary's purpose is to promote the rural electric cooperatives through participation in local community activities, as well as on a statewide basis. Auxiliary's primary focus is to educate and encourage youth participation in the selection process for the youth programs sponsored by the local cooperatives and coordinated by the Kansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc., which are held in Washington, D.C., and Steamboat Springs, Colorado, each year.
2. Scholarship amount?
  - a. How much to give to winner? \$1,000
  - b. How many winners? 2
3. Eligibility Requirements
  - a. Must be a U.S. Citizen
  - b. Be a student winner sponsored by a Kansas electric cooperative to either the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour or the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp
  - c. Have completed at least your freshman year with a GPA of 2.5 or higher at an accredited university, college, vo-tech, or trade school as a full-time student (transcripts will need to be included with the application)
  - d. Be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited university, college, vo-tech, or trade school by the application deadline 11:59 p.m. of **December 31, 2020**
  - e. Be working on completing your first undergraduate degree
4. How do we advertise?
  - a. Send scholarship availability to the eligible alumni through Constant Contact
  - b. Include article in issue of Rural Power
  - c. Include notice in the appropriate youth program private Facebook groups
  - d. Create online application through KEC website
  - e. Need to develop a list of FAQs for applicants
  - f. Determine KEC staff person to act as point of contact for questions – Carol Dorr and Shana Reed
5. How to apply?
  - a. Online application only
  - b. A 3-5 minute YouTube video, uploaded to youtube.com, showcasing community / co-op involvement
    - i. Video could connect to the 7 Cooperative Principles?
    - ii. Video could be based on how the KEC youth program impacted the student / lessons learned (these videos could then be used for promotional purposes for the youth programs)
6. Deadline to apply – December 31, 2020
7. Selection committee?
  - a. Auxiliary member – Auxiliary Chairperson
  - b. KEC staff – Carol Dorr and other KEC staff
8. Selection criteria?
  - a. What will the application / video be judged by?
    - i. Cumulative GPA
    - ii. Internships & work experience
    - iii. Civic, volunteer, and political activities

- iv. Leadership roles pursued and/or held
  - v. Involvement in cooperative-based programs and activities
- 9. How are funds distributed:
  - a. Check issued directly to college / university / vo-tech
- 10. How are winners notified?
  - a. Awarded at KEC Annual meeting by Auxiliary Chairperson