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Midstate Electric Scholarship Program – Graduating Seniors

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Purpose: Midstate Electric Cooperative (MEC) is providing four scholarships to high school seniors seeking to continue their education. At the time the scholarship is awarded, the recipient will have the option of taking \$2,500 for the 2015/2016 school year or \$1,250 for four years. Three scholarships will be awarded to seniors who will be graduating from La Pine, Gilchrist, and North Lake County High Schools, and one scholarship will be awarded to a senior attending other high schools located in Klamath, Lake and Deschutes Counties (including home school).

Application: Visit MEC's office, your high school counselor or www.mse.coop for an application.

Criteria:

Scholastic - Applicant must meet the entrance requirements of the elected school before applying for MEC's scholarship.

Member - The parent or guardian of the applicant must be a consumer/member of MEC.

Residence - The primary residence of the parent or guardian of the applicant must be in MEC's service area.

College/Trade School - Any accredited college/trade school is acceptable to qualify for MEC's scholarship.

Financial Need - Consideration will be given to the financial need of the applicant.

Qualifying Activities - To include, but not be limited to scholastic ability, future goals, school activities, community activities and application presentation.

Application Presentation – Application and attached documentation are neat, typed and grammatically correct.

Award - Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the college/trade school on behalf of the recipient. Funds must be used for tuition, books and curriculum related expenses. If the recipient of the scholarship terminates the program of study prior to the end of the funding period, the college/trade school will refund the remaining unused portion of the scholarship to MEC's scholarship fund.

Duration - MEC's scholarship is a one year scholarship. Each recipient may re-apply for an additional year, but must go through the selection process again. Current information including transcript, activities resume, letters of recommendation and evaluation form must be provided.

Application Checklist – Every year, a number of applications are rejected because they are incomplete. Don't let that happen to you! Use this checklist to make sure your application includes all required materials.

- Applicant & Family Information (p 2)
- Required Financial Information (p 2)
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- Activities Resume (p 3)
- Personal Statement (p 3)
- College Statement (p 3)
- Certification (p 3)
- Transcript or SAT, ACT (if homeschool)
- 1 letter of recommendation from teacher (in sealed envelope)
- 1 letter of recommendation and the attached evaluation form from a principal or counselor (in sealed envelope)
- 2 personal letters of recommendation (church, work, etc.) not affiliated with the school (in sealed envelope)

Application Deadline is Monday, May 2, 2016



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MEC Account # _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle Preferred Name or Nickname

Mailing Address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

High School _____ Occupation _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of father/stepfather/guardian/spouse who assists with your expenses _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Name of mother/stepmother/guardian/spouse who assists with your expenses _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Check if Applicable Father Deceased Mother Deceased Parents Separated/ Divorced Married

List the names, ages and college (if applicable) of siblings/children supported by the parent/guardian/spouse who helps support you.

Name	Age	College/Class Year (if applicable)

REQUIRED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following **financial information is required** to complete the application. Use your IRS 1040 tax forms to determine adjusted gross income figures. (Copies of tax forms are not needed). **We will not accept applications with missing financial information.**

Total number of people in household that parents will support in 2016/2017 _____

Parents adjusted gross income in 2015 _____

Student's income from all sources in 2015 _____

List jobs and how much earned per job in Activities Resume Section.

Include Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA _____

Include copy of FAFSA.

On a separate piece of paper, explain any circumstances impacting financial need that may not be apparent from the above financial information, e.g., contributions expected/not expected from a non-custodial parent, educational expenses already incurred for older siblings, medical expenses, daycare, etc.

OTHER FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Have you applied for other financial aid, scholarships or grants? If so, please list below the name, amount and status of any financial aid, scholarships or grants that have been awarded or are still pending for your educational expenses. Print the Student Aid Report (SAR) and include the page that has the Pell Grant information with the scholarship application.

Name of Financial Aid, Scholarship or Grant	\$ Amount	Granted	Pending

ACTIVITIES RESUME

What have you been doing? Submit a typed (12-point font) activities resume on a separate sheet of paper *in the following format*. Group your activities as (1) school-related (clubs, sports, student government, music, fine arts, etc.—the OSAC activities chart is acceptable (2) community & personal (volunteer work, youth programs, athletic programs, music, dance, scouting, 4-H, hobbies to which you have devoted time, etc.) and (3) work experience (paid employment, self-employment, summer jobs, internships, etc.).

EXAMPLES

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Grades Participated</u>	<u>Hours/Week/Year</u>	<u>Leadership/Awards</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
(1) Mock Trial	9, 10,	3 hrs/wk-12/wks/yr	Defense Attorney	Basics of Judicial System
(2) Soccer	9,10,11,12	6 hrs/wk -12/wks/yr	Captain (11,12)	Junior Varsity/Varsity
(3) Piano	9,10,11,12	3 hrs/wk/-52/wks/yr	N/A	Personal Lessons
(4) Hospice Volunteer	11,12	8 hrs/wk/-12/wks/yr	N/A	Assist w/Care
(3) <u>Work Experience</u> Jim’s Café	11,12	30 hrs/wk-12 wks/yr	\$9.00 hr - \$3,240	Summer Job; Dishwasher

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Tell us about yourself, who you are, how you got to this point in your life, and where you plan to go from here. What are your personal, educational and professional goals? Submit a typed (12-point font), double spaced statement of 1-2 pages in length, describing your short and long-term goals and how you plan to achieve them.

COLLEGE STATEMENT

Where do you want to attend college, and why? Submit a typed (12-point font), double spaced list of the colleges you are seriously considering, including the address, city, and state. Let us know if you have been accepted or when you expect to be notified. List the schools in the order of your preference. Next, write a few sentences explaining why each school you’ve included appeals to you and what you plan to study. If you have already accepted an enrollment offer, identify and discuss only the school you will attend.

CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am awarded MEC’s scholarship, and for some unforeseen reason not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify MEC immediately so that an alternate may receive the scholarship.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed application for arrival by May 4, 2015, as follows:

Public high school seniors, submit to: senior guidance counselor at the school

Counselor Signature _____

Other applicants, including home-schooled seniors, submit to: Midstate Electric Cooperative • P.O. Box 127 • La Pine, Oregon 97739

For further information, please call 541-536-7232 or email tlacey@midstateelectric.coop.



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Evaluation Form

To be completed by a counselor/principal or department head

Applicant Name: _____

Name of Reference: _____

To The Reference: All information will be held in strict confidence.

On a scale of 1 - 5 (5 as the high score), please rate the applicant on the following items:

Effort	1	2	3	4	5	Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	Maturity	1	2	3	4	5
Reliability	1	2	3	4	5	Personality	1	2	3	4	5
Scholastic	1	2	3	4	5	Leadership	1	2	3	4	5

I consider this applicant particularly outstanding and deserving of MEC's scholarship because of the following reasons:

Signed: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____