



# 2026 Scholarship Application

The San Bernard Electric Cooperative (SBEC) scholarship program was established to encourage and assist in the educational pursuits graduating seniors who are members of SBEC and reside in the service area. Funds will be disbursed for courses of instruction at an accredited four-year university/college, junior college or TEA-approved trade school offering an associate degree.

## Eligibility:

- Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be members of San Bernard Electric Cooperative.
- Must be a graduating senior from high school. SBEC will award one scholarship to a graduating senior from each High School in our service territory (Bellville, Columbus, Faith Academy, Hallettsville, Hempstead, Magnolia, Rice, Royal, Sacred Heart, Sealy, Waller, and Weimar High School) and one scholarship to an accredited home extended studies program or senior who attends high school outside of those listed in our service territory.
- Applicant must show proof of enrollment to an academic, vocational or technical college in order to receive scholarship funds.
- The applicant must be in the top 50% of their graduating senior class.
- Scholarship application must be postmarked or emailed by midnight on **Monday, March 9, 2026**, to:

SBEC  
ATTN: Scholarships  
PO BOX 1208  
Bellville, Texas 77418

## Selection of Recipients and Disbursement of Funds:

Recipients of the scholarships will be chosen based on the following:

- Financial necessity - 30 percent
- Written essay - 40 percent
- Participation in community/school activities - 30 percent

The total scholarship award will be \$2,500 and will be disbursed over your first semester. Recipients must provide a copy of their fee receipt and class schedule. At that time, SBEC will pay \$2,500 in recipient's name directly to the recipient, parent, or college/school.

## 2026 Essay Format and Topic:

The essay will be evaluated based on the following: demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter, originality, composition, grammar and neatness. The essay should be typed, 500 words in length, 12-point font and double spaced. It should be written on the following topic:

*Describe an accomplishment, event or realization and how it relates to your field of study and your future goals.*

## Deadline:

A completed application must be **emailed/postmarked by midnight on Monday, March 9, 2026**. Completed application (including all necessary documentation) can be submitted by e-mail, dropped off at area office, or mailed.

**Mail:** San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Attn: Scholarships, PO Box 1208, Bellville, Texas 77418

**E-mail:** Tiffany Stodder at [TStodder@sbec.org](mailto:TStodder@sbec.org)



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Application #:

*Please type or print neatly*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SBEC Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants  
Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist:

Prior to submitting your application, please make sure you have completed the entire application and all required documents are attached.

- ☐ All pages of application completed
- ☐ Essay: typed, double-spaced, minimum of 500 words, 12-point font
- ☐ SAT/ACT Scores
- ☐ Copy of transcript with counselor's signature on application
- ☐ E-mail a high-resolution cap and gown digital photo to Tstodder@sbec.org. The photo will be used for publicity if you are selected to receive the scholarship.
- ☐ Two letters of reference from teachers, counselors, coaches, clergy, community leaders or employers - Letters must be written within 3 months of the application date.

*If selected for this scholarship, I am aware that I must provide SBEC with proof of enrollment from the accredited four-year university/college, junior college, or TEA-approved trade school of which I will be considered a full-time student (12 credit hours per semester for the fall and spring semesters).*

*I understand that the funding is only for the fall semester of the 2026/2027 school year.*

*I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing SBEC and its appointed Scholarship Review Committee.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Contacted

Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have taken the ☐ SAT ☐ ACT Combined SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Composite ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Must attach copy of the score report(s).

☐ I have not taken the SAT or ACT.

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Based on a 4.0 scale ☐ 100-point scale

**GPA Certification: Signature needed if transcripts are not available. (High School Only)**

By printing and signing below, I certify that the cumulative GPA written above is accurate and true.

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been accepted into an accredited four-year university/college, junior college or TEA-approved trade school ☐ Yes ☐ No

School You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

**Financial Information**

Total Annual Income of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- ☐ \$0 - \$19,999 ☐ \$60,000 - \$79,999  
☐ \$20,000 - \$39,999 ☐ \$80,000 - \$99,999  
☐ \$40,000 - \$59,999 ☐ \$100,000 or more

Total Annual Income of Applicant

- ☐ \$0 - \$4,999 ☐ \$15,000 - \$19,999  
☐ \$5,000 - \$9,999 ☐ \$20,000 or more  
☐ \$10,000 - \$14,999

Do you have a job now? Yes ☐ No ☐ Do you plan to work while attending college? Yes ☐ No ☐

List job history for the last two years:

Do you have younger or older siblings living at home or attending college/TEA-approved schools? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list ages and school for the 2025/2026 school year (no names):

1 - Age, School \_\_\_\_\_

2 - Age, School \_\_\_\_\_

3 - Age, School \_\_\_\_\_

Attach information for additional siblings, if necessary.

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List academic awards received. Include dates and any other pertinent information.

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