



2026 TREWA Scholarship Eligibility

1. Twenty (20) TREWA scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to CURRENT TREWA members and their children. Applicant or applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of an electric cooperative or an employee of a Texas electric cooperative or an employee of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. **Applicant must be a current member of TREWA.**
2. Grades received in high school will not be the deciding factor in the selection process.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, full-time college students or adults, who have been accepted as a full-time student to attend any accredited college, university, junior college, community college, trade/technical school or business school of their choice.
4. Courses must be taken in credit towards a degree, certificate, diploma or license and awarded by the educational institution.
5. Judging is based on leadership qualities, career focus, personal need, energy awareness, essay content and general knowledge of the rural electric program.
6. The selection process will include, but not be limited to:
 - (1) TREWA scholarship application
 - (2) three letters of recommendation
 - (3) a current photo
 - (4) current cooperative electric bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives.
7. Half of the amount of each award will be made at the beginning of the first term or semester, and the second half will be paid at the beginning of the second term or semester. For the scholarship payment

to be issued, the student must submit to TREWA proof of enrollment and proof of full-time student status from the registrar's office for the current semester. Scholarship payments will be sent to the school the student will be attending and will be payable to the school. The scholarship MUST be used the first semester following the awarding of the scholarships. Students working on graduate or doctoral degrees must comply with the institutions requirements and schedules including length on tenure per semester for full time status. Students participating in non-traditional semesters, including but not limited to mini or long semesters, will be compensated after the scholarship chair receives documentation from the institution that the student has completed their full time schedule in the allotted period of time as deemed appropriate by that institution.

8. Should recipients choose not to continue his/her education for any reason, the recipient should notify TREWA, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester.
9. TREWA will award a scholarship to an individual only once.

10. Applications may be obtained from:

www.trewa.org

Kendra Markwardt
TREWA Scholarship Chairman
HILCO Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 127
Itasca, TX 76055

kmarkwardt@hilco.coop

(254) 687-2331, ext. 1145

Applications must be received by midnight, March 15, 2026, to be eligible.



2026 TREWA Scholarship Application

Application must be received by March 15, 2026.

Completed applications must include:

1. One photograph (head shot only emailed to kmarkwardt@hilco.coop) of the applicant and signed release
2. Three letters of reference for the applicant
3. Original application
4. Current electric cooperative bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Return to:
Kendra Markwardt
TREWA Scholarship Chairman
HILCO Electric Cooperative
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Itasca, TX 76055
or email to kmarkwardt@hilco.coop

I would like to apply for the TREWA Scholarship that is open to **current TREWA members and/or their children.**

Applicant's name

Social Security number

Mailing address

City

State

ZIP code

Daytime phone

Date of birth

Name of parent/guardian

Address

City

State

ZIP code

Daytime phone

Total family income (Circle the range that best applies to your family.) \$0-\$50,000 \$50,000-\$100,000 \$100,000-\$150,000 \$150,000-\$200,000

Cooperative name

Type of electric cooperative affiliation (member/employee)

Is applicant's parent/guardian a current member of TREWA?

School presently attending

Address

Current academic standing

Other scholarships received

Major (if currently attending post-secondary institution)

List affiliations and activities, indicating any offices held, whether past or current, leadership roles and awards received. (Use additional sheets if needed.)

List any jobs you have held, past or current, and describe the nature of the work done. (Use additional sheets if needed.)

College you plan to attend

Include an essay (maximum length of 250 words) describing, at least, the following about yourself:

- Planned field of study and how it relates to energy/electricity.
- Your goals (educational, professional and personal).
- Your plans for the future (5 to 10 years from now).
- Why you have chosen your particular field of study.
- Include any other information you feel qualifies you for this scholarship.

Note: All submitted essays become the property of TREWA and are not available for public review.

TREWA Scholarship Photo Release

In exchange for consideration received, I hereby give permission to TREWA to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for lawful purposes of announcing, advertising and promoting the TREWA scholarship program.

Print Name

Signature

Date

If scholarship recipient is under the age of 18, I _____, am the parent/legal guardian of _____.

_____, the individual named above, and I have read this release and approve of its terms.

Print Name

Signature

Date

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Applications must be submitted by mail; they will not be accepted by email.