

For High School & College Students

February 15, 2012

- Mountain Electric Cooperative Employee's children are ineligible to apply.
- Any graduating senior (attending high school or home schooled) residing in Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area and who intends to enter, or who is enrolled in a two-year or four-year accredited college on a full-time basis in the fall of 2012 may apply. College students currently enrolled in an accredited college are also eligible.
- Application must be made on the official Operation Pocket Change ("OPC") Scholarship Application form. THE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED and must include; two letters of recommendations, a certified transcript of high school grades, ACT or SAT scores (if required), class ranking, a copy of your completed FAFSA Student Aid Report (including your Expected Family Contribution amount), a copy of parents or guardian's tax return and a close-up picture of applicant. Note that picture should be 2-1/2" x 3-1/2" in size and should be close-up of applicant which would be suitable for magazine publication, placed in a marked envelope and attached to application. Pictures may also be provided in electronic format (jpg or jpeg). Electronic pictures must be submitted by email to ssnyder@mountainelectric.com with the applicant's name stated in the subject line. Pictures with low quality resolution cannot be accepted, i.e. cell phone pictures. Applications to a community college or technical school do not require ACT/SAT scores. The application must be turned in to Mountain Electric or the local HS guidance counselor no later than April 24. Applications submitted to Mountain Electric shall be delivered or mailed to:

Attn: OPC Scholarship Committee
Mountain Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 180
Mountain City, TN 37683

- Financial need, scholarship (GPA, ACT, SAT), accomplishments, other scholarships received, and faculty/employer recommendations will be considered in the selection of the recipient.
- The application requires applicant to list other scholarships applied for and the amount applied for or the amount awarded. Applicants not reporting other scholarships applied for and/or applicants receiving other assistance equivalent to a full-ride scholarship may be disqualified after an OPC scholarship is awarded.
- This year, there will be sixteen to twenty (16-20) scholarships available, each in the amount of \$2,000.
- The scholarship is available only through the end of this year. The OPC treasurer will make payment directly to the college. The student must present the OPC treasurer with a receipt verifying enrollment, class schedule and appropriate college contact information (including college billing department phone number/address and payment instructions).
- The deadline for submitting documentation is January 1, 2013. Documentation received after the deadline will not be accepted and scholarship recipient will forfeit all rights to the award. If the scholarship recipient does not enter college and/or misses the documentation deadline, the scholarship will be returned to the OPC fund and awarded the following year.
- Students are not eligible to receive more than one OPC scholarship.
- College students already enrolled in college must use the "Second to Fourth Year College Student" application form. Name/address of college attending, transcript from current college student is attending and credit hours completed are required on this application.

OPERATION POCKET CHANGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Applicant must reside within Mountain Electric Cooperative's service area)

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

EMAIL _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ single _____ married: NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:
NAME(S) _____

MOUNTAIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

FATHER'S EMPLOYER, HIS POSITION, ETC. _____

MOTHER'S EMPLOYER, HER POSITION, ETC. _____

FATHER AND MOTHER GROSS INCOME FOR 2011 _____
COPY OF 2011 TAX RETURNS MUST BE INCLUDED

NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN IN FAMILY AND AGE OF EACH _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY WHO WILL BE IN COLLEGE DURING COMING YEAR _____

LIST REASONS FOR FINANCIAL NEED: _____

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

ANTICIPATED COURSE OF STUDY: _____

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED FOR FAFSA? _____, EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC) _____

IF NOT, EXPLAIN WHY _____

LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLIED FOR AND/OR AMOUNT RECEIVED: _____

Applicants not reporting other scholarships applied for and applicants receiving other assistance equivalent to a full-ride scholarship may be disqualified after an OPC scholarship is awarded.

Applicant must have two letters of recommendation from High School Principal, administrator, guidance counselor, teacher or employer. Letters of recommendation must be submitted with application.

PERSONS WHO PROVIDE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

NAME _____ OCCUPATION _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

NAME _____ OCCUPATION _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

- **Certified transcript of high school grades.**
- **Certified college entrance exam (A.C.T. /S.A.T.) score (if required).**
- **Certification as to rank in high school graduation class.**
- **Copy of FAFSA Student Aid Report including the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) amount.**
- **Copy of 2011 Tax Return for Parent(s)/Guardian**
- **A close-up picture (2 1/2" x 3 1/2") of you or jpg image, which would be suitable for magazine publication. Please place picture in a marked envelope and attach to application. A jpg image can be submitted and emailed to ssnyder@mountainelectric.com , please specify name in the subject line. Pictures with low quality resolution cannot be accepted, i.e. cell phone pictures.**

The information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Relationship)

(Date)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY: **APRIL 24, 2012**

RETURN TO: HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR or: **Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc.
OPC Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 180
Mountain City, TN 37683**