

Frequently asked questions about Adams Electric's scholarship program (Adult)

GENERAL

Where does the money come from for the scholarships?

The funds for Adams Electric Cooperative's scholarship program come from unclaimed patronage capital checks. Each December when the co-op sends patronage capital (or capital credit) checks to eligible current and previous members, some go unclaimed for various reasons. Since 2006, Pennsylvania law states that electric cooperatives may keep the unclaimed money instead of turning it over to the state's general fund, as long as it is used for member education, member assistance or community development.

Can anyone receive an Adams Electric Cooperative Scholarship?

No. Recipients need to be sons or daughters of members (high school scholarship), or members with their name on the bill (adult scholarship).

Why is a head-and-shoulders photo required of all scholarship applicants?

Photos of the scholarship winners are used by Adams Electric Cooperative in publications such as local newspapers, *Penn Lines* magazine and on the co-op's Web site. If submitted electronically, the jpg format is preferred. If a photo is submitted by mail, a sharp, clear photo on photo paper is preferred. Please do not submit scanned photos because they do not reproduce well for publication.

ADULT SCHOLARSHIP

Is there an age restriction for the adult scholarship?

No. The applicant must be old enough to be a member of the co-op, with an electric account in his/her name (responsible for paying the electric bills). There is no upper age limit.

I'm a college student living with my parents. Do I qualify for an adult scholarship?

No. The adult scholarship is intended for Adams Electric Cooperative members – those whose name appears on the electric bill/account.

Who is eligible for an adult scholarship?

The adult scholarship is intended for members who are without jobs or switching jobs and need more education or training to move ahead in life.

I applied for an adult scholarship a year or more ago. Can I apply again?

Yes. If you are accepted or currently enrolled in a degree or certification program, you may apply again.

Do I need to send an official college transcript with the application, or will an unofficial transcript work just as well?

An official transcript from the college or training facility is required. Not sending all required materials and information with the application may lessen your chances of receiving a scholarship.

Can I apply for the adult scholarship if I take classes online?

Yes. You may be earning your degree or certification in person or online.

Can I apply for the adult scholarship if I'm taking a few classes that interest me?

No. Applicants need to be working toward a degree or certification.

Can I apply for the adult scholarship online?

Not at this time. However, you can send all required information in a jpg or pdf format to cindyb@adamsec.coop.

How can I get my name added to our electric bill?

Call Adams Electric Cooperative toll-free, at 1-888-232-6732 to request a new membership application. You and the person already on the account will both need to complete and sign the application. After the new application is returned to the co-op, your name can be added to the account. NOTE: the people signing a membership application are equally responsible for paying the electric bills from Adams Electric.

Who decides on the adult scholarship winners?

Adams Electric's Scholarship Committee decides the winners. The committee is made up of nine member volunteers, one from each director zone. All applicant information given to the committee is depersonalized and given a number so the committee members do not know who is applying. The committee finds out who the applicants were after the scholarship recipient decision is made.

On what basis are scholarship winners chosen?

The Scholarship Committee chooses the winners based mainly on the need and employability of the applicant. The committee also looks at the essay answers for content and the applicant's written communication skills.

When can I apply for the 2010 Adams Electric Cooperative Adult Scholarship?

The 2010 applications need to be postmarked no sooner than May 1, 2010 and no later than July 31, 2010.