

Louise Freeland Children of Employees/Trustees Scholarship Purpose and Rules 2025

Online applications must be completed by February 3, 2025
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025OLSA-Freeland>

Purpose: To support the education and career development of children of employees or trustees, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC) offers this scholarship.

Scholarship: Four \$3,000 scholarships for first-place winners and four \$1,200 scholarships for second-place winners.

Eligibility Provisions: The following provisions govern the eligibility of applicants for this scholarship:

1. Applicants must be graduating seniors with all basic credits for college or **accredited technical school* entrance.
2. Applicants must be children, legal wards, or residents in the household of Ohio rural electric distribution cooperative trustees or employees, or employees of OEC/affiliated organizations.
3. Applicants must have a current career average of “B” or better.
4. Application information must be confined to the online application. Required attachments: school transcripts, and a 500-word max. letter of recommendation from a teacher on school stationery.
5. Applicants will attend personal interviews with independent judges in Columbus on **Thursday, March 6, 2025**. OEC will set appointment times and notify applicants by email.
6. Applicants with “full-ride” scholarships (tuition, room, board, *and* books) ***are not*** eligible for OEC scholarships.
7. Scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment in an accredited college or **proper technical school* is received by OEC. An extension of one year may be granted for just cause by the OEC president. If winners cannot fulfill their enrollment obligation, the awards are forfeited.
8. Applicants cannot bring any outside materials to their interviews.
9. Cooperative knowledge questions are based on the Online Orientation course <https://www.ohioec.org/freelandolsa>, which takes about 30 minutes to complete. Applicants are recommended to finish this course before interviewing.

**Proper technical school means one beyond high school where credits can be transferred to a state-accredited four-year college.*

JUDGING:

Judges will score nominees based on:

1. Scholastic record: up to 40 points
2. Personal achievement, school, and community activities: up to 30 points
3. Personal interview (poise, personality, appearance): up to 15 points
4. Cooperative knowledge: up to 15 points

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