



Todd-Wadena
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Graduating High School Senior Scholarship Program

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TWEC

Attn: Scholarship Program

P.O. Box 431

Wadena, MN 56482

800.321.8932

www.toddwadena.coop

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Graduating Senior Scholarship Requirements & Procedures

1. Description

- Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) will award up to four (4) \$1,000 scholarships to 2026 graduating high school seniors for their first year as a (freshman) college student.

2. Criteria

- Complete and sign the application.
- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in Spring of 2026.
- Applicant's parents or legal guardians must be a Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative member whose primary residence receives electricity from TWEC.
- Average GPA of at least 2.0 or better during grade 9 through first half of grade 12.
- Be accepted by an accredited two or four-year college/university, or a vocational-technical school.
- Involved in 2 different extra-curricular activities (school, employment, community), during high school.

3. Award Procedure

- Applications will be reviewed by a review panel.
- Winners will be notified by April, and attendance is requested of scholarship winners to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.
- The student must attend a post-secondary school during the 2026-2027 academic year to receive the funds.
- The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the Financial Aid Office of the school of choice. The full amount of the scholarship will be mailed during the last week of September.

- If a recipient withdraws from school or elects to attend a non-accredited school after receiving a scholarship, the scholarship will be terminated and any refunds from the school will go to TWEC.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, or disability. Children or grandchildren of current TWEC employees or directors are ineligible.

4. When to Apply

- Applications are available at www.toddwadena.coop. Application and attachments must be postmarked by **February 10, 2026**, and can be dropped off at TWEC or mailed to:
*Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative
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5. Scholarship Checklist

- To help applicants avoid sending in incomplete applications, we've created a checklist for the applicant's use. Before submitting, an applicant should check to ensure their submission includes the items listed below to avoid disqualification:
 - ☐ Completed typed application
 - ☐ TWEC account number included
 - ☐ Typed essay
 - ☐ A transcript from your high school signed by a school official
 - ☐ Completed and Signed Applicant Appraisal Form from educator, supervisor, or community leader.
 - ☐ Signed application

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative (TWEC) reserves the right to terminate the scholarship program or change the provisions and conditions with reasonable notice except that: once a scholarship is awarded for a school year, it will continue throughout the expiration of the term. Please direct any inquiries regarding TWEC's Scholarship Program to Member & Energy Services Manager Allison Frederickson at 800.321.8932 or P.O. Box 431, Wadena, MN 56482

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Applicant Information (APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED – handwritten applications will not be accepted)

Name: _____

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative Account Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: MN Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____ Student Phone #: _____

Student Email Address: _____

High School Information

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ Total Number in Class: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Accredited Institution of Higher Education (do not leave this space blank, if you are undecided, please note that in this section)

Accredited Institution Name: _____

Address: _____

Intended Major: _____

Expected Graduation Date (month and year): _____

Do you plan to return to TWEC's service territory upon graduation? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ MAYBE

List at least two (no more than four) Extra-Curricular Activities During Grades 9-12 (School, Employment or Community)

List each activity only once, regardless of the number of years involved, and list any officer positions you may have held.

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Answer the following questions in the space provided

1. What is a major accomplishment that you are especially proud of? (Do not limit yourself to accomplishments you have been formally recognized for).
2. Electric cooperatives are owned by their members. Why do you think this matters, and how does it affect the way they serve their communities?
3. What are your educational and career goals?
4. Essay (attach on a separate sheet)- In no more than 500 words, write an essay on how living in a rural community has shaped your values or future career goals.

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5. Include a transcript from your high school signed by a school official.
6. As part of your scholarship application, you must submit a completed Applicant Appraisal form. This appraisal must be filled out and signed by one of the following individuals who knows you well:
- An educator (e.g., teacher, counselor, or school administrator)
 - A work supervisor (current or former)
 - A community leader (e.g., coach, mentor, clergy, volunteer coordinator)
- Please ensure the selected individual completes all sections of the appraisal and signs the form before submission. Incomplete or unsigned appraisals may disqualify your application.*

Applicant Disclaimer

- I am aware that applications that do not follow the directions, late applications, or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- I agree to permit the review of this application by anyone representing Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative or its appointed Scholarship Review Panel.
- If selected as the winner, I agree to having my name and photo used in promotions related to the scholarship to include, but not limited to, photos published in TWEC's publications, website, Facebook or any other TWEC avenues of communication.

I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Applicant Appraisal (Required)

Applicant's Name: _____

To the applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by an educator, work supervisor, or community leader who knows you well and is not related to you. *This page does not need to be typed.*

To the adult appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. When complete, please return it to the applicant. If you prefer, you can return to applicant in a sealed envelope. This appraisal form replaces a letter of recommendation and must be completed.

1. The applicant's choice of post-secondary educational program is:

___ Extremely Appropriate ___ Very Appropriate ___ Moderately Appropriate ___ Inappropriate

2. The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability:

___ Extremely Well ___ Very Well ___ Moderately Well ___ Not Well

3. The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

4. The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is:

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

5. The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources:

___ Extremely Well ___ Very Well ___ Moderately Well ___ Not Well

6. The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative:

___ Extremely Well ___ Very Well ___ Moderately Well ___ Not Well

7. The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks:

___ Extremely Well ___ Very Well ___ Moderately Well ___ Not Well

8. The applicant's respect for self and other is:

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor

Comments:

Appraiser's Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

Appraiser's Signature: _____ Date: _____