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## **2025 Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors**

(One Scholarship of \$2,000 to High Schools in Columbus and Brunswick County)

### **APPLICATION PACKAGE INSTRUCTIONS**

How to apply:

1. Fill out the attached BEMC Scholarship Highway Application Form or go to [www.bemc.org](http://www.bemc.org) (My Community page) and download a Microsoft Word document that can be filled out on your computer.
2. Attach your typed, double-spaced essays (1,000 to 1,500 words, maximum of 3 pages per essay) on these two questions:
  - **What are the most important challenges facing the energy industry today, and how do you think the cooperative business model can help solve them?**
  - **What are your career goals and how will this scholarship help you achieve them?**
3. Attach letter of acceptance from college or other school.
4. Meet with your guidance counselor to check for completeness, to verify academic information and attach a copy of your high school transcript. Guidance counselor must review and sign the application.
5. Make a copy for yourself and **submit your application to your guidance counselor by Friday, MARCH 15, 2025.**

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Wendy Koonce at [wendy.koonce@bemc.org](mailto:wendy.koonce@bemc.org) or 800-842-5871.

### **BEMC Scholarship Highway Program Details:**

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) will award one (1) scholarship of \$2,000 each to high school seniors at East Columbus High School, South Columbus High School, West Columbus High School, Columbus Career and College Academy, North Brunswick High School, South Brunswick High School, West Brunswick High School, and Brunswick County Early College High School.

**WHITEVILLE OFFICE** 2228 New Britton Hwy. E., Whiteville, NC 28472 (910) 642-5011

**SOUTHPORT/OAK ISLAND OFFICE** 4335 Southport – Supply Rd (Hwy 211), Southport, NC 28461 (910) 457-9808



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**ELIGIBILITY:** (must meet all of the following criteria)

- be a U.S. Citizen;
- live in a residence receiving electric service from BEMC;
- be the dependent of a BEMC member with a permanent primary residence that currently receives electric service from BEMC;
- have been accepted at an accredited 2-year community college, 4-year college/university, or a vocational/technical school for full-time status of 12 or more credit hours;
- plan to start school in the fall following graduation from high school.
- have a minimum GPA of 2.5

**JUDGING:**

School staff will review applications and make recommendations to BEMC. Final approval will be by the Board of Directors of BEMC.

**DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Scholarships will be presented to the winning students at their respective high schools' senior awards ceremonies in May, as well as a special lunch ceremony at the BEMC office in Supply. Attendance is mandatory. BEMC will issue a press release and publicize the award on its website, Facebook page and other publications.

Payment of the scholarship funds will be made directly to the school the student is attending, upon proof of enrollment.

Payment of the scholarship funds will be made directly to the school the student is attending, upon presentation of the tuition bill and payment request form to BEMC at the beginning of each semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher to qualify for payment.

*If a student does not complete a semester and/or fails to return to school for the following semester, unused funds are to be returned by the school to BEMC. Any remaining balance of the scholarship will be forfeited by the student unless there are extenuating circumstances explained in writing to BEMC and accepted by BEMC's Board of Directors. If the student changes schools, the student must notify BEMC in writing and present the next semester's bill from the new school with the payment request form. Payments from BEMC will be made within two weeks of receipt of the bill and payment request form.*



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**For good form:**

The essay should include an introduction; a body section and your conclusions or observations. Remember to cite your research sources, fact check and spell-check.

Submit your essay in 1,000 to 1,500 words *no longer than three typed, double-spaced pages* on the above topic and a completed application to your school guidance counselor by **Friday, March 15, 2025.**

Good luck - we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!

If you have questions, please send them to [wendy.koonce@bemc.org](mailto:wendy.koonce@bemc.org).



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**BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION**  
**2025 BEMC Scholarship Highway Application for High School Seniors**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

PO Box / Street Address City State Zip  
(permanent residence address)

Phone Number Email address Date of Birth

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

BEMC Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Attending
2. School attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2 year program \_\_\_\_\_ 4 year program \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Essay (typed, double-spaced, 1,000 – 1,500 words)  
\_\_\_\_\_ School Transcripts  
\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of acceptance from your school(s) of choice

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Guidance Counselor Date: \_\_\_\_\_