



2025

ORANGE COUNTY REMC SCHOLARSHIPS

Orange County REMC continuously looks for ways to support our community.

That's why each year we assist our young members in their pursuit of higher education by awarding scholarships to our graduating seniors.

SIX \$750 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM PAOLI, SPRINGS VALLEY, ORLEANS, MITCHELL, CRAWFORD, OR WEST WASHINGTON.

SELECTION

The Orange County REMC General Manager and the coordinator for Operation Roundup Trustees will verify applicant eligibility. Essays will be presented with the identity of the applicant withheld, to three members of the Operation Round Up board of trustees for final judging.

NAME

TELEPHONE NO.

MAILING ADDRESS

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

ORANGE COUNTY REMC ACCOUNT NO.

HIGH SCHOOL

MAJOR/COURSE OF STUDY

RULES AND REGULATIONS AT A GLANCE

To be eligible for the scholarship, the following provisions must be met:

- › **An applicant's parents, legal guardian, or primary relative must be a member of Orange County REMC participating in Operation Round Up when the scholarship application is judged.**
- › **Applicants must graduate by the end of June 2025.**
- › **Applicants must be accepted into an accredited Indiana College or Indiana Trade School.**
- › **The scholarship recipient must: not have previously attended college or hold incoming freshman status.**
- › **Applicants are to submit the following:**
 - › **An essay**
 - › **Up to three letters of recommendation**
 - › **A list of extracurricular activities**
 - › **Verification of your grade point average for the current school year, and at least one prior year**

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SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Publication: Please include a photo of yourself for publication. If space permits, a scholarship recipient's essay may be published in the Orange County REMC Indiana Connection magazine. When choosing a photo to send, please send a professional quality head shot (NOT a full body "glamour" shot. Please do not send photos with pets, vehicles or other props.)

Judges: The Orange County REMC General Manager and the coordinator for Operation Roundup Trustees will verify applicant eligibility. Essays will be presented with the identity of the applicant withheld, to three members of the Operation Round Up board of trustees for final judging.

Judging Criteria: The essay must be 700 words, but not more than 1000 words. Content is much more important than length. The essay should be typed, and will be evaluated on content. While the essay makes up half of the final score, other areas are just as important. Please list other activities as well – at school, church, at work, in your community, etc. Also, verification of your grade point average must be provided for the current school year, and at least one prior school year (include more, if you so choose). You may provide up to three letters of recommendation. Judges will look at overall achievements and accomplishments – not just your writing ability or GPA.

Scoring: Applications will be evaluated on the following:

- **50% Essay:** The essay will be judged on originality and content. Is it informative and thought provoking? Are assertions and comments supported with facts or practical ideas? Is it written from a young person's point of view? Remember, the essay should be the work of the student applying for the scholarship. Editing, grammar, sentence structure etc., are considered.
- **25% Community/School Involvement:** Student activities in school, at home, community, work, etc., will enhance a student's application. Be sure to mention any special recognitions, offices you now or have held in the past, or awards you have received.
- **25% Academics/Letter of Recommendation:** Each applicant must verify their academic standing for the current school year, and at least the previous year as well. Have your guidance department fill in the appropriate line on the application, or include a letter from a guidance counselor simply verifying your overall grade point average for the current and past year. A transcript is not necessary, but may be included if it is easier than a letter. Class ranking, if possible, is also helpful. You may submit up to three letters of recommendation from non-family members (teacher, employer, community leader, guidance counselor, pastor etc.) An exception is permitted for home schooled applicants who wish to have a letter presented from a parent instructor.

Possible Interview for Finalist: In the event the judging is close, finalists may be asked to take part in an interview with the judges. The interview will be kept very informal, will be brief, and will focus on a student's goals, personality, initiative, etc.

Helpful Hints: Ask yourself: what do I think? Who – what – when – where – why – how... Then explain these thoughts in a logical manner. Keep in mind the judges want essays written by young people. Help from parents or teachers are encouraged, but the emphasis should be on your ideas and thoughts.



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Essay Topic: In 700 words or more (please limit to a maximum of 1000) please choose ONE of the following topics for your essay.

1. What is Rural Electrification? When did it begin? What is an electric cooperative? How does it differ from other electric companies? Where do the profits go? What is the mission of Orange County REMC? How is Orange County REMC fulfilling that mission?
2. What is Operation Roundup? How does it work? Where does money come from... where does it go? What is your opinion about electric cooperatives? What is your opinion about Operation Roundup and would you recommend someone participate in Operation Roundup? Why would somebody want to participate? Who should be applying for Operation Roundup funds? What benefits are there to ORANGE COUNTY REMC members who contribute to Operation Roundup? What do grant recipients have to say about Operation Roundup?

References: A participant may put his or her name on or in the essay. Students are encouraged to interview and quote recognized local authorities or reliable sources, including REMC members and employees as well as Operation Roundup participants and directors. Appropriate credit should be given for any quotes but a bibliography is not needed. Plagiarism is a serious offense that tarnishes and even ruins people's careers. Plagiarism is not permitted in college or business and will not be permitted in the essays. Information is available at www.myremc.coop and in Orange County REMC's Indiana Connection magazine.

Registration: All applicants must attach the application form to the front of their essay and letter(s) of recommendation.

Applications may be hand delivered to the Operation Roundup Coordinator, Hannah Carter, during business hours or mailed to: Orange County REMC, Attention Hannah Carter, PO Box 208 Orleans, IN 47452. If you have any questions please contact Hannah Carter at 812-865-2229 or hcarter@myremc.coop.

Please do not staple paperwork or use binders.

Application Submission Check List:

- Parent/Guardian is Orange County REMC Member
- Parent/Guardian participates in Operation Round Up program
- Attending an Indiana Accredited College or Trade School. If you have an acceptance letter, please provide a copy
- Application complete
- Essay complete
- Up to three letters of recommendation
- Professional head-shot photo for publication
- Scholastic record complete

Deadline: Applicants must submit their applications and essay before February 14, 2025



ORANGE COUNTY REMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT (SCHOOL ACTIVITIES)

| Activity | No. of Years | Position Held |
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT (NON-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES)

| Activity | No. of Years | Position Held |
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ORANGE COUNTY REMC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

OTHER ACTIVITIES OR ACHIEVEMENTS

| Jobs | No. of Years | Position Held |
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Special talents and training (list special workshops, classes outside of school, etc.)

Honors received in school (list any special awards or recognitions received for academics, clubs, sports, teams, etc.)

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN

Date _____ Signature _____

Applicant

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian



ORANGE COUNTY REMC SCHOLASTIC RECORD

SCHOLASTIC RECORD FOR (NAME):

(To be completed by the high school principal or counselor)

ATTACH TRANSCRIPT OF APPLICANT'S GRADES SIGNED BY SCHOOL OFFICIAL. APPLICANT INFORMATION MUST BE CONFINED TO THE OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM WITH NO ATTACHMENTS OTHER THAN TRANSCRIPT.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN SENIOR CLASS _____

CLASS RANK JUNIOR YEAR _____

CLASS RANK SENIOR YEAR _____

SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A SCALE OF 4.0 _____

ACT SCORES

Composite _____

SAT SCORES

Verbal _____

Math _____

