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Lane Community College Scholarship Guidelines

Overview: Lane Electric is offering four \$1500 scholarships for persons interested in attending Lane Community College (LCC) in the fall. These scholarships are available to qualifying members and students of Lane Electric.

Note: Employees and their family members, board members and their family members, and members of the Selection Committee and/or members of their families are not eligible to apply.

Application Criteria: If you're interested in one of the four scholarships, applications can be obtained from the counselor's office at the local high schools (*in the case of graduating seniors*) or from Lane Electric. Applications are also available on Lane Electric's website: www.laneelectric.com/scholarships. When you have an application, be sure to read it completely. ***NOTE: If all of the requirements listed below are not included, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.***

To be considered, applicants must:

- Submit a **completed** application packet which is available via:
 - Our website, www.laneelectric.com
 - The U. S. mail at: PO Box 21410, Eugene, Oregon 97402
 - E-mail at: comment.question@laneelectric.com or
 - FAX at: 541-484-7316
 - High school counselor offices
- Write an autobiographical letter of introduction describing your attitudes, personal goals, how you intend to use your education and where you see yourself in 5 and 10 years.
- Write a 300-word essay on "What is an electric co-op" ***and be prepared to discuss it*** in your interview. ***It is important that you are able to talk about co-ops, and Lane Electric specifically, as it is providing this opportunity for you.*** Information about co-ops and Lane Electric co-ops is included with this application.
- Provide an official copy of your high school transcripts.
- Include a concise work history showing any jobs you've worked.
- Submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or staff or personal references.

REMINDER: If any of the above items are missing, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.

Application Criteria:

- All applicants must meet the entrance requirements of Lane Community College before applying for any of Lane Electric's scholarships.
- Applicants must either be a member, in good standing, with Lane Electric or in the case of a student applicant, reside with a parent or guardian who is a member, in good standing, with Lane Electric.
- Consideration may be, but is not necessarily based upon financial need.
- The application should include statements about, but not limited to, the following:
 - Scholastic Ability
 - Future Goals
 - School Activities
 - Community Involvement
 - Citizenship
 - Moral & Ethical Attitude and Conduct

The Process: If awarded, scholarship funds will be sent directly to Lane Community College, in your name, to insure they are used for your continuing education. Funds must be used for tuition, books and curriculum related expenses. If a scholarship recipient terminates the program of study prior to the end of the funding period, Lane Community College must agree to refund the remaining unused portion of the scholarship back to Lane Electric's scholarship fund.

Duration: Scholarships are not necessarily limited to one year. It is understood that there may be instances whereby the disbursement of these funds needs to be done over multiple academic years. Should this become necessary, Lane Electric must be notified in advance so proper arrangements can be made. Recipients may re-apply the following year for a scholarship but must go through the entire selection process again. No more than two scholarships will be awarded to a single applicant.

Interview: Final candidates must be for an interview, in person, at Lane Electric's headquarters facility at 787 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, Oregon, 97402. Candidates will be notified of the day, date and time once all applications have been received, reviewed and ranked. The committee has the option to decide how many applicants will be interviewed and how many scholarships will be awarded each year.

Selection: The scholarship committee may be made up of, but is not limited to, the following:

- Lane Electric's Scholarship Committee or entire board.
- The decision of the scholarship committee is final.
- All applicants will be notified once selections have been made.

Duties: Below are some of the duties, responsibilities and guidelines relevant to the scholarship recipients.

- Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend the following functions to be recognized: commencement exercises, awards ceremonies, district and/or member meetings, etc.

If for any reason, the primary recipient fails to register for continuing education an alternate may be awarded the scholarship. If no alternates are available, the scholarship shall revert back into Lane Electric's scholarship fund.

Deadline for Application:

Applications and the required information must be received at Lane Electric's headquarters, located at 787 Bailey Hill Road / PO Box 21410, Eugene, no later than **5:00 PM on February 29, 2012.**

**If you have any questions or need additional information, please
Contact Dave D'Avanzo or Brenda Everts at 541-484-1151.**

***You are encouraged to complete and submit your application
sooner, rather than later!***

REMEMBER: If all of the requirements requested above are not included, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.



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Graduating Senior

Scholarship Application to Lane Community College

(Please print and use an ink pen)

NOTICE: *If you do not complete and submit all the requirements listed under "Application Criteria", your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview or scholarship.*

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

DOB: _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____

Name Listed on LEC Account: _____

LEC Account #: _____

Guardian: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Year Graduated HS: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Cell #: _____

Applicant Occupation: _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

High School Attended: _____

Proposed Field of Study: _____

Have you applied to Lane Community or any other college at this time? Yes ___ No ___

*Have you applied for and/or received any financial aid at this point? Yes ___ No ___

Transcript of Grades: Attach an official copy of your most recent transcripts **or** SAT/ACT scores (home school) to the application and mail it to:

Lane Electric Cooperative
787 Bailey Hill Road / P. O. Box 21410
Eugene, Oregon 97402

*Is there any other financial aid you are to receive in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, etc? Please explain or note if you've applied for, and the status of your request for, financial assistance.

Please list any extra-curricular in-school activities or clubs you have participated in: (Choir, Drama, etc.)

Please list any sports you have played or been involved with:

Please list any honors you have received, both in and out of school?

Please list any offices you have held, both in and out of school:

Please list any school and community activities you have been involved with: (4-H, FBLA, etc.)

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read, and understand that my application must be received at Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc. no later than **5:00 PM on Tuesday, February 29, 2012** or I will not be considered as a candidate.

I understand that if I am awarded Lane Electric’s scholarship, and for some unforeseen reason not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify Lane Electric’s Scholarship Committee immediately so that one of the alternates may receive the scholarship.

I also understand and agree that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, Lane Electric has my permission to publish my name and photograph in the Ruralite magazine, on their website, etc., as part of the notification process to the membership.

I am the member or legal dependent of the above Lane Electric member and the information I’ve provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

REMEMBER: Make sure to review the “Application Criteria” section and your application. If you have not completed and do not submit all of the requirements listed under “Application Criteria”, your application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview or scholarship.

General Information About Cooperatives

What is a cooperative..?

There are many definitions of cooperatives, but central to all of them are the ideas of member ownership, member control, and member benefit.

A cooperative enterprise is one which belongs to the people who use its services, the control rests with all the members, and the gains of which are distributed to the members in proportion to participation.

A cooperative can be defined for practical purposes as a democratic association of persons organized to furnish themselves an economic service under a plan that eliminates entrepreneur profit and that provides for substantial equality in ownership and control.

A cooperative is a business voluntarily owned and controlled by its member-patrons and operated for them and by them on a nonprofit or cost basis.

Even among this small sampling of definitions, a cooperative is called an enterprise, an association and a business. All three are true. It also can be said that a cooperative is a corporation, since most cooperatives are incorporated. It is a private enterprise, in that its records are not open to the public. It operates on sound business policies and practices, but it is not a profit-making organization.

It is a cooperative. It is owned and controlled by those it serves. Its purpose is to serve its members in a way which will benefit them. That may mean that by voluntarily joining together and pooling their resources, they will realize higher incomes or lower costs or more efficient and more dependable services, or any or all of these things.

The cooperative spirit in Lane County...

The history of Lane Electric and rural electrification is one of the finest examples of the cooperative spirit. People on farms and small communities joined forces to bring electricity to their homes and businesses.

Rural life in the 1920's and '30's was fixed in a cycle of hardship and drudgery. The country was in the throes of the Depression. Only the most affluent farmers and ranchers, or those near large towns, could get electricity. Private power companies of the day would not go to the expense of bringing the conveniences of electricity to sparsely populated areas.

Beginning in 1935 a new hope dawned on the horizon. The federal government would soon embark on possibly the most successful federal program ever developed. The program called for rural people to help themselves and bring electricity into their lives. They could organize cooperatively and receive low interest federal loans to electrify the rural areas. It was the beginning of the full-scale electrification of America. People called it the "REA."

President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) with an executive order. While the government was needed to get such an ambitious program off the ground, it was the rural people who proved to be the real catalysts for the program's success. Private power companies would not take advantage of the loans, so farmer-owned cooperatives were organized.

This same spirit of determination created Lane Electric. The cooperative came into existence on May 17, 1939, when nine men met up the McKenzie River Valley.

The new cooperative started clearing trees and brush, placing new poles, and stringing wire to the isolated towns in the Willamette Valley. Farmers and homeowners helped dig holes and cut trees so they too could receive "the electric." Lights began to dot the landscape as electric lines weaved their way through the fields and forests.

Today, Lane Electric continues to build new lines to a growing membership. However, the electric needs of our members have changed dramatically since 1939. Sophisticated stereos replace the tube-style radios of the big-band era. Computers open our homes to new electronic vistas. We will continue to meet the challenges of a twenty-first century membership, while providing an efficient and reliable system at the lowest possible cost.

How you can participate in your cooperative

There are a number of ways in which you may participate as a member of Lane Electric:

1. **Attend a district or annual meeting:** Each year the cooperative holds between 4 and 6 district meetings across the service area, culminating with an annual meeting held at the co-op's headquarters facility.

These meetings provide the opportunity for members to review the co-op's previous year's activity. Director elections, bylaw revisions and officer reports provide members with a valuable opportunity to learn about Lane Electric.

2. **Attend a member meeting:** From time to time, directors host district wide member meetings. These meetings provide members with an informal setting to discuss their concerns and to learn more about cooperative issues and events.
3. **Serve on the board of directors:** A director is elected from each of five districts for a three-year term. Nominating meetings are scheduled prior to the annual meeting for members to select potential director candidates.
4. **Member Committees:** Occasionally, Lane Electric will ask members to sit on a various committees to provide input to the board and management staff. Past committees have worked on bylaw revisions and the co-op's budget.

How you can stay informed:

Lane Electric offers members a number of ways to receive information about the co-op.

1. **Ruralite magazine:** This is our main monthly communication source. We use seven pages (usually pages 4, 5, 8, 25, 28, 29 and 32) to update members on important issues, new services, or energy saving tips.
2. **Bill messages:** Your monthly bill includes a brief message on a variety of topics.
3. **Direct mail:** Often an important issue or meeting does not fit the timelines of the *Ruralite* or the bills. In this case, we may mail a notice or postcard to keep you informed.
4. **www.laneelectric.com:** Lane Electric's website offers a variety of information about the co-op. Whether you are interested in programs & services, construction specifications, payment options, rate schedules, contacting key staff and directors, our website, www.laneelectric.com, has the information you need.

The 7 Cooperative Principles

All cooperative businesses adhere to seven guiding principles:

1. **Voluntary and Open Membership** -- Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political or religious discrimination.
2. **Democratic Member Control** -- Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote) and cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.
3. **Members' Economic Participation** -- Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members usually receive limited compensation, if any, on capital subscribed as a condition of membership. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.
4. **Autonomy and Independence** -- Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital

from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

5. **Education, Training, and Information** -- Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.
6. **Cooperation Among Cooperatives** -- Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional and international structures.
7. **Concern for Community** -- While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.