

LUTHER A. RIDDLE COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GUIDELINES

Luther A. Riddle was the first General Manager of Gascosage Electric Cooperative and served in this capacity from 1946 to 1987. Gascosage Electric is proud to support the communities we serve. The Luther A. Riddle scholarship program hopes to aid educational endeavors by offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors. For the year 2020, Gascosage will give twenty (20) scholarships for \$1,000 each. We hope your high school will participate in this program.

Eligibility

The Luther A. Riddle Scholarship is open to any high school senior whose parent or guardian is a member and has an active connected account with Gascosage Electric Cooperative. **The applicant must be a full-time student.** All applications must be submitted to Gascosage Electric Cooperative no later than **Wednesday, February 26, 2020**. Any questions should be directed to your high school counselor or Kim Doyle, Executive Secretary, Gascosage Electric Cooperative, kim.doyle@gascosage.coop or 573-759-7146 ext. 201.

Recipient of the scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to attend an accredited college, university, technical college or trade school. It is our feeling that the scholarships not necessarily go to a top student or to the applicant of the poorest family, but rather to a well-motivated student.

Application – We use email as our main contact to applicants! Please remind students to include an **active** email address on their application.

Application for the scholarship must be completed by the student and reviewed by the high school. Applications should be clear, concise and **complete**. **The student is to write a 250-word essay on why they need a scholarship in his or her own words. Judges in the past have leaned heavily on the essays to make their final decision of the finalists to be interviewed.** A **COMPLETED** application packet must be submitted to Gascosage with the following:

- **Application will include a high school transcript.**
- **Application will include aptitude scores.**
- **Application will include an essay on why they need a scholarship.**

Gascosage will assign an applicant number to ensure impartiality in judging. Any application packet that is not complete will automatically be disqualified.

Scholarship Payment

This is a \$1,000 scholarship. A one-time award check will be made payable jointly to the school and to the recipient at the time of registration.

The intent of the scholarship is to pay expenses of the college or trade school. Therefore, the scholarship will first cover books, tuition, and after these expenses have been covered, it can be used for room and board.

Judging

The judging will be done by a panel selected from the following:

- Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives
- Associated Electric Cooperative
- Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative
- Another Missouri Electric Cooperative

The following criteria will be used:

- 15% - Grade Point Average
- 20% - Curriculum in High School
- 15% - ACT or SAT Scores
- 15% - Extra Curricular Activities
- 20% - Out of School Work Record
- 15% - Essay and Other Factors

Interview

The judges will select the finalist to be interviewed based upon the criteria listed above. The judges will make their final selection from this group. A date must then be arranged to fit the schedules of the finalists and the judges for the interviews.

Selection

Selection of the scholarship winner will be announced following interviews. We appreciate your participation in our scholarship program.