COOPERATIVE TRADE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

As an organization built on employees who are skilled in the electrical and linework trades, Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative understands the value and importance of rewarding students seeking to further their careers in a technical or trade position.

Examples of programs or courses of study eligible to receive this scholarship include, BUT ANRE NOT LIMITED TOO

- Allied Health Science
- Auto Technology
- Carpentry
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Construction
- Dental Hygienist
- Plumbing
- Ultrasonographer
- Industrial Electricity
- Masonry Trades
- Nursing
- Welding & Fabrication

Our scholarship programs are available to any graduating high school senior who is the dependent of a cooperative member-owner. The Cooperative Trade Scholarship funding can be used at a two-year college or university, as well as at a technical or trade school to receive certification.

We are proud of this opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of our youth.

Provisions govern the eligibility of applicants for the Cooperative Trade Scholarship:

- Applicants must be residential members of Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative (LMRE), or dependent children, or legal wards of permanent residential electric cooperative members receiving electric service at the time of application.

- Applicants must be a graduating high school senior enrolling in a technical program, current technical school enrollees, or students enrolling in a post-undergraduate technical program. Applicants must plan to attend or currently attend an accredited technical school program.

- The money awarded by this scholarship can be used to cover program costs, books, tools, or other related materials necessary to fund the winner's education.

- Applicants must have cumulative grade point averages of 2.0 or above on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent standing on nontraditional scales. High school GPAs shall be used for applicants who have not yet begun a program, while technical school GPAs shall be used for applicants currently enrolled in programs.

- Applications must be typed and submitted on forms furnished by LMRE. **Scholarship applications must be**

received by LMRE by April 16, 2027. Interviews will take place **Monday, April 26, 2027** at the co-op office.

- Application information must be confined to the official form. The only attachments permitted are high school transcripts and one letter of recommendation from an instructor.

- Applicants who have received "full-ride" scholarships (tuition, room, board, and books) to the schools of their choice are not eligible for LMRE scholarships.

- Applicants whose immediate family members are (or reside in the households of) LMRE trustees or LMRE employees are not eligible.

- All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by LMRE. However, an extension of one year may be granted for just cause in the judgment of the general manager. In the event applicants are unable to fulfill their enrollment obligation under this program, awards are forfeited.

Please complete by April 16, 2027

Submit completed forms to:

Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative
c/o Co-op Youth Programs
1 Cooperative Way
Spencer, OH 44275

Contact the communications department with any questions regarding youth programs.

440-647-2133 jgercak@fesco-oh.org

COOPERATIVE TRADE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

1) Are your parents/guardians permanent residential members of **Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

2) Have you received a "Full Ride" scholarship to the school of your choice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3) Are members of your family, or persons residing in your household, employed by, or a trustee of, **any** electric cooperatives / related entities (see rule 4)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered No to question 1) and/or Yes to questions 2) or 3) –
Thank you for your interest in our scholarship, but you do not qualify.

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Date of birth:_____ Age:_____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Mailing Address:_____

Student's email:_____ Parents' email: _____

Are your parents/guardian members of Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Parents' Names:_____

Service Location Address:_____

Parent(s) Phone: _____ Parent(s) Cell Phone:_____

Name of School:_____ Grade:_____

School Address:_____

☐ **I plan on pursuing a two-year accreditation**

☐ **I plan on pursuing my certification from a technical college**

☐ **I am currently enrolled in a vocational education program related to my field of interest**

Name/title of program that I plan on attending: _____

Field of interest: _____

Attached documents will not be accepted of achievements. Use only the area provided on this form.

NON-SCHOOL PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:

Indicate years of membership and outstanding activities in which you have participated as a leader.

Organization	Description	Active Dates

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:

List the most prestigious activities participated in during your high school attendance, including any school or trainings you have already completed towards your desired field.

Activity	Description	Active Dates

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:

List all other activities not mentioned that more fully describe your achievements, including work experience:

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

Why do you plan on pursuing your education in this field?

How will you use your intended career path and training to benefit your community?

☐ I have included a copy of my official school transcript signed by my guidance counselor.

☐ I have included one letter of personal reference from a teacher or member of the community.

We have examined this application, and the records are correct, complete and accurate. In addition, we acknowledge and agree that the cooperative may disclose any or all of the information contained in this application and the supporting documents to the judges of the scholarship competition and any employees of the cooperative or of Ohio's Electric Cooperatives. Winners' names and photos will be published in *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine and may also be used on social media or in other co-op publications.

I consent and agree that Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative (LMRE), its employees, and agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me to use in any media. I agree that LMRE may use such photos and media of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, web content and the *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND PARENT/ GUARDIAN

(These signatures are to be obtained before forwarding this application to high school officials.)

We have examined this application, and the records are correct, complete, and accurate.

Date:_____ Signed:_____

(Applicant)

Date:_____ Signed:_____

(Parent/Guardian)