

2023 John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Application

I. Background

The John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Trust was created under the terms of the Last Will & Testament of Kathryn English. The purpose of this trust is to provide scholarship grants for high school seniors who meet DESE graduation requirements, and who are or were active 4-H members at the time of their high school graduation, and who desire to attend college the fall semester following their senior year/high school graduation to pursue a degree. John English, a former director of West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc., designated West Central's Board of Directors as Trustees of the Memorial Scholarship Trust.

II. Amount of Scholarship

The John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Committee will award one \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester) to a student beginning his/her freshman year in college. This student may reapply for additional funds for their next three years of study. Renewal requests will be filed in the spring and submitted with a transcript for the previous school year. Grants will be paid out by semester as long as the student remains enrolled full-time and meets academic requirements stated on the renewal application. **The amount of these grants may vary due to availability of funds.** The committee may decide to make one or more one-time scholarship awards based on merit.

III. Selection Criteria

- A. The applicant will be selected without regard to sex, race, religion or color.
- B. The applicant must attend a high school in West Central Electric's service area -- Lafayette, Johnson and eastern Jackson counties (including Oak Grove, Lone Jack and home school students) OR have a parent or legal guardian who is a current West Central Electric member. Districts NOT in the WCE service area (Sherwood, Grain Valley, Ft. Osage, etc.) may have students who qualify based on a parent or legal guardian being a current member of the cooperative.
- C. A cumulative 3.0 or better grade point average is required.
- D. Students **MUST** provide an ACT score or equivalent college entrance exam score to apply.
- E. Participation in 4-H at the time of high school graduation is required.
- F. Two reference letters are required. No letter may come from a relative, and one letter must be from an adult involved with 4-H (for example a project leader, a 4-H youth specialist, etc.)
- G. Students must submit a copy of their completed Missouri Report Form (including required signatures) along with their application.
- H. A high school transcript must accompany the application.
- I. The Scholarship Committee will consider financial need and special circumstances when selecting the winner of this scholarship. Please address financial need and any special circumstances when answering question #4 on this application.
- J. Please submit a recent photo along with your application. This photo will be used for press releases and for the WCE newsletter if you are selected a winner. If you submit your application online, please email a photo to heather@wcecoop.com.
- K. Finalists will be required to participate in an interview with the scholarship committee. If applying, you should tentatively plan to be available that evening for interviews, should you be named a finalist.
- L. All scholarship applications **MUST BE TYPED**.
- M. High School counselor must sign your transcript. (Home school transcripts are accepted, but must be signed by the teacher.) ****Applications received without transcripts WILL BE PENALIZED.**

IV. Restrictions

Children and grandchildren of current WCE directors are not eligible to apply.

V. Application Deadline

All applications must be postmarked **on or before Feb. 17, 2023**. Send applications to Heather Hoflander, West Central Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 452, Higginsville, MO 64037.

VI. On-line applications

Scholarship applications are available on line at www.westcentralelectric.coop under the heading "Youth Programs." Applications may be printed and mailed, or filled out on line and emailed. If you choose to email your application, please also either email your photo as a jpeg to heather@wcecoop.com or mail a photograph along with your transcript. Applications submitted via email must arrive by **4:30 p.m. on Feb. 17, 2023**.

VII. Finalist Notification

Interviews will be scheduled for **the evening of Wednesday, March 29, 2023**. All students applying for this scholarship should tentatively plan for an interview on this date. Those scheduled for interviews will be notified by **Wednesday, March 1, 2023**.

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Full name: _____

Address: _____

Email address (THAT YOU CHECK REGULARLY): _____

Telephone Number: _____ Birth date: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Father's occupation: _____ Mother's occupation: _____

Schools attended (ninth grade to present) Name:	Date Started	Date Ended

Date of graduation: _____ Number in class: _____ Class rank: _____

Grade point average (on a four-point scale): _____

ACT (or equivalent college entrance exam) score: _____

Name of entrance exam if you took something OTHER THAN the ACT: _____

What college do you plan to attend? _____

What field of study do you plan to enter? _____

Of what 4-H club are you a member? _____

How long have you been a 4-H member? _____

3. From what activity or opportunity received through your involvement in 4-H do you feel you have benefitted the most? Please provide a brief explanation.

4. Estimated cost per semester for tuition, books, and room and board of the college you plan to attend:

5. How do you plan to finance your college tuition? Please directly address financial need and/or special circumstances, as they will be considered when awarding the scholarship. Please be specific.

List ACT or SAT incentives if known: _____

A-Plus status and dollars allotted by the school if known: _____

Names and amounts of any scholarships you have received thus far: _____

6. Please state why you feel you would be a worthy recipient of the John & Kathryn English Memorial Scholarship Trust.
