

SOUTHERN RIVERS ENERGY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP FUND CRITERIA

- All applications must be *postmarked or hand-delivered* by **March 3, 2017**. Applications may be mailed to: SRE Trust Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 40, Barnesville, GA 30204 or delivered to 1367 Hwy 341 South, Barnesville, GA 30204. **Late applications will not be considered.**
- The applicant must reside in the household (primary residence) of a residence within Bibb, Coweta, Crawford, Lamar, Pike, Meriwether, Monroe, Spalding or Upson Counties.
- The applicant must be enrolled upon awarding of scholarship in an accredited college or technical school program, either full-time or part-time.
- The grant is for undergraduate work only. No applications for master's or doctorate degrees will be accepted.
- The competition is open to high school students with an acceptance letter and plans to begin college no later than the fall semester after graduation, as well as college and technical school students.
- The scholarship fund will be in the form of a grant program with funds being paid to the college, university or vocational school, on behalf of the grant recipient.
- A person may submit an application each year, but previous winners are not eligible to win again.
- **Five** local scholarship winners will be awarded \$3,000 each.
- Scholarship use must commence within one year of date of issuance and be totally utilized within two years of the date of issuance. The scholarship check will be written directly to the scholarship recipient's school.
- Based on the four core values that Touchstone Energy Cooperatives such as SRE adhere to, scholarship criteria are as follows: Commitment to Community, Accountability, Integrity, and Innovation, in addition to Academics and Attendance.
- A committee of judges will review the applications. A recommendation will be forwarded to the Southern Rivers Energy Trust, which shall make the final decision for the Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship. All decisions are final.
- The Southern Rivers Energy Trust, Inc. administers the Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship.
- Winners for the Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship will be announced in April.
- Any questions should be directed to Kathryn Claxton, 770-358-1383 ext. 348, toll-free 877-358-1383, kathryn@srivers.net.

Southern Rivers Energy Trust Scholarship

STUDENT INFORMATION
Please type or print legibly in black ink.

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Name of School Currently Attending _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Power Provider SRE Other _____

Current GPA _____

College or technical school that you plan to attend:

I certify that all information reported on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university upon my acceptance and subsequent enrollment to said institution. I give permission to the Southern Rivers Energy Trust to discuss this application with a representative at my school. If I receive a scholarship, I grant Southern Rivers Energy Trust permission to use my name and photograph in its publicity of this scholarship without consideration of compensation to me.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

What to submit:

- Completed application
- At least one letter of recommendation
 - Official school transcript
- Letter of acceptance (high school seniors)
 - Current School Photo (headshot only)

By March 3, 2017 to:

SRET Scholarship Program
P.O. Box 40 • 1367 Hwy 341 S
Barnesville, GA 30204

STUDENT APPLICATION

PLEASE COMPLETE *EACH* OF THE FOLLOWING ESSAYS IN 500 WORDS OR LESS. **DO NOT REVEAL YOUR NAME, PLACE OF RESIDENCE, SCHOOL, ETC. IN THE ANSWERS, AS ANY SUCH REFERENCES WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR APPLICATION.** ESSAYS MUST BE NUMBERED & TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET(S).

1. Describe your commitment to your community. Include any school, church, or civic activities in which you gave of your time or talents to better your school and community. You may also include any work experience you have gained.
2. Explain how you will be accountable with these funds. Include in your explanation how these funds for furthering your education will help you fulfill your goals and what financial limitations you will face without these funds. In your explanation, please state your specific goals.
3. If you are a recipient of this scholarship, you will be an unofficial representative of Southern Rivers Energy and the Southern Rivers Energy Trust. What qualities do you have that would demonstrate that you are a person of integrity?
4. Innovation is the creation of something new, different, or unique. Describe a circumstance in your life that has required an innovative response. This can be an explanation of any obstacles you have overcome, extraordinary needs you have faced, and or any unique endeavors you have undertaken and the response you had to the situation.

FINAL CHECKLIST

Before returning your application please do a final check to make sure that all the necessary documents are included. Incomplete applications and/or applications that are not completed according to the instructions will not be considered.

- All blanks on Student Information page 2 must be filled out. If any data requested does not apply to you, for example if you do not have an email address, put N/A (not applicable) in the blank.
- You must include a school transcript and at least one letter of recommendation along with an acceptance letter from the college you plan to attend if you are not currently enrolled. If you are a high school senior and have not received your acceptance letter, please list the name of the school to which you applied with a note explaining that you have not yet received your letter. If you are selected as a recipient, you will be asked to provide one before the scholarship funds will be released.
- **Do not include any indication of who you are, where you live or where you attend school in your essays. Any such references will immediately disqualify your application.**
- Essays must be typed – no exceptions.
- Each essay must be 500 words or less. Be clear and concise.
- Proofread your essays before submitting your application. Points will be deducted for grammatical errors and misspelled words.
- If you are awarded the scholarship and the photo you submitted with your application is not acceptable for promotional use, you will be asked to submit another one or have one taken at SRE's office before any scholarship funds are released. Please submit a recent school or professional photo (headshot only) for this purpose. No glamour shots, please.