2027 TREWA Scholarship Eligibility

1. Thirty (30) TREWA scholarships of **$1,000 each** will be awarded to current TREWA members and their children. Grades received in high school will not be the deciding factor in the selection process.

   To be eligible, the **applicant must be a current TREWA member** and the applicant or applicant's parent/guardian must meet the electric cooperative eligibility requirement by being a member of an electric cooperative, an employee of a Texas electric cooperative, or an employee of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

   Applicants must meet BOTH requirements. TREWA membership is $10. If you are not already a TREWA member, you must complete your TREWA membership **before submitting your scholarship application.** Visit **www.trewa.org** to become a member

2. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors, full-time college students, or adults who have been accepted as full-time students at an accredited college, university, junior college, community college, trade/technical school, or business school of their choice.

3. Courses must be taken for credit toward a degree, certificate, diploma, or license awarded by the educational institution

4. Selection will be based on leadership qualities, career focus, personal need, energy awareness, essay content, and general knowledge of the rural electric program. The selection process will include, but not be limited to:
   (1) TREWA scholarship application
   (2) three letters of recommendation
   (3) a current photo
   (4) current cooperative electric bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives.

5. The full $1,000 scholarship will be paid in **one lump-sum payment** directly to the school upon receipt of proof of enrollment and full-time student status. The scholarship must be used during the **first semester or term following the award**. Students must meet their institution's requirements for full-time enrollment.

6. If a recipient chooses not to continue his/her education for any reason, the recipient must notify TREWA in writing at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester or term.

7. TREWA will award a scholarship to an individual only once.

8. Applications may be obtained from:

   www.trewa.org

   Kendra Markwardt
   TREWA Scholarship Chairman
   HILCO Electric Cooperative
   P.O. Box 127
   Itasca, TX 76055

   kmarkwardt@hilco.coop

   (254) 687-2331, ext. 1145

Applications must be received by midnight, March 15, 2027, to be eligible.

2027 TREWA Scholarship Application

Application must be received by March 15, 2026.

Completed applications must include:

1. One photograph (head shot only emailed to kmarkwardt@hilco.coop) of the applicant and signed release
2. Three letters of reference for the applicant
3. Original application
4. Current electric cooperative bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Return to:
Kendra Markwardt
TREWA Scholarship Chairman
HILCO Electric Cooperative
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Itasca, TX 76055
or email to kmarkwardt@hilco.coop

☑ I would like to apply for the TREWA Scholarship that is open to **current TREWA members** and/or their children.

Applicant's name _____ Social Security number _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Daytime phone _____ Date of birth _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Daytime phone _____

Total family income (Circle the range that best applies to your family.) $0-$50,000 $50,000-$100,000 $100,000-$150,000 $150,000-$200,000

Cooperative name _____

Type of electric cooperative affiliation (member/employee) _____

Is applicant's parent/guardian a current member of TREWA? _____

School presently attending _____

Address _____

Current academic standing _____

Other scholarships received

Major (if currently attending post-secondary institution)

List affiliations and activities, indicating any offices held, whether past or current, leadership roles and awards received. (Use additional sheets if needed.)

List any jobs you have held, past or current, and describe the nature of the work done. (Use additional sheets if needed.)

College you plan to attend

Include an essay (maximum length of 250 words) describing, at least, the following about yourself:

- Planned field of study and how it relates to energy/electricity.
- Your goals (educational, professional and personal).
- Your plans for the future (5 to 10 years from now).
- Why you have chosen your particular field of study.
- Include any other information you feel qualifies you for this scholarship.

Note: All submitted essays become the property of TREWA and are not available for public review.

TREWA Scholarship Photo Release

In exchange for consideration received, I hereby give permission to TREWA to use my name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for lawful purposes of announcing, advertising and promoting the TREWA scholarship program.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

If scholarship recipient is under the age of 18, I _____ , am the parent/legal guardian of

_____, the individual named above, and I have read this release and approve of its terms.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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Applications must be submitted by mail; they will not be accepted by email.