



Dear 2016 Graduate:

Congratulations on reaching this level of accomplishment in your high school career. You are in the final months of your senior year; you have prepared yourself well and are ready to take the next step. We applaud you for your interest in furthering your education by either attending a trade school, college, or university.

Here at Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO) we understand that there are many opportunities available to you. Because of the financial challenges that continuing your education may pose for you and your family, SMECO is pleased to have available scholarships for our graduating high-school seniors.

Simply complete the application in this booklet, and return the booklet and required documentation and an essay on “Why Is A College Education Important to Completing My Lifetime Goals?” to SMECO by **Friday, April 1, 2016**. You may either mail the information to Bernadette Lewis at P. O. Box 1937, Hughesville, Maryland 20637 or drop it off at one of our offices located in Hughesville or Leonardtown. The Scholarship Guidelines are also enclosed to assist you in completing the application, providing the required documentation, and preparing your essay. Before submitting your application packet, please take time to review the guidelines to ensure that all requirements have been satisfied. We strongly encourage that you seek assistance in reviewing the required essay. **Please note that interviews for the top 7 candidates will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016.**

If you need additional information, please feel free to give me a call at 1-888-440-3311 ext. 4340 or e-mail me at Bernadette.Lewis@smeco.coop.

Again **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Bernadette Lewis
Diversity and Inclusion Manager

Student Personal Information:

Student's Name _____

Address _____
(Street, City, State, Zip Code, and P.O. Box if applicable)

County _____ Home Telephone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail Address: _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) E-mail Address: _____ Cell # _____

Are you (student) related to a SMECO employee, retiree, or director? _____

Name of relative _____

What is the relationship to the person named above? _____

SMECO Account Name and Number _____

High School Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Counselor _____

Career Pathway _____

Academic Honors Received

What is the **COMPLETE** name and mailing address of the college or university you plan to attend?

In what subject will you earn your degree? _____

When do you plan to begin pursuing this degree? _____

Have you been awarded any other scholarship(s)? _____

If yes, please list name and amount of scholarship(s).

Name _____ Amount (\$)

List extracurricular activities and honors received at school. (If needed attach additional pages.)

What are your community, civic, or church involvements? Give details such as responsibilities and hours of involvement. *(If needed attach additional pages.)*

What are your hobbies, interests, or special talents? (If needed attach additional pages)

Financial Information:

Student Assets

Give the amounts in the following accounts:

Savings Bonds for College: _____ Other: _____

Parent's Assets and Family Profile *(Please have parent or guardian complete the following sections.)*

Savings Bonds for College: _____ Other: _____

Number of college graduates in your immediate family _____

List dependents:

Number of adults living in the household who are dependents _____

Number of children under age 18 living in the household _____

Number presently enrolled in institutions for which you pay tuition (parents and children) _____

Tuition Amounts: (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____

APPLICATION REMINDERS:

DID YOU...

- Complete the Application
- Provide an Official High School Transcript
- Provide a Copy of Your ACT or SAT Scores
(may be obtained from counselor)
- Provide a copy of the Student Aid Report
- Provide a copy of pages 1 & 2 of Your Parents
2015 Federal Tax Return
- Provide Two Letters of Recommendation
- Provide a Copy of Your Identification
- Enclose Copies of Your Acceptance Letter(s)
- Write the Essay/Reviewed by Parents or English Teacher
- Sign and Date the Application --Student and Parent(s)

Student:

As an applicant for a scholarship from SMECO, I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I realize that the Scholarship Awards Committee may verify this information at a later time. In addition, all information requested prior to or at the interview must be supplied to the committee to be considered for an award.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent:

As a parent or guardian of a student who is applying for a scholarship from SMECO, I have completed this form to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of my latest federal tax return.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Applicants for Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative's Scholarships shall be considered on the Cooperative's established guidelines without regard to race, color, national origin, age or disability. (Children and grandchildren of present or retired SMECO employees or directors are ineligible.)