

Benton REA Trade/Technical Scholarship Program
2008-2009 School Year

Provisions for Trade/Technical Scholarship

I Eligible Candidates

All children of Benton REA members, or members themselves; excluding children of persons involved in the selection process.

II Student Qualification Conditions

A. A candidate must be a graduating high school senior.

B. Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a technical or trade institution or a pre approved Certification Program or Associate in Applied Science Program at a community college or university.

1. The candidate may be enrolled in any field of study at a trade or technical institution in which the curriculums offered by the institution are specialized and lead to job-specific certification.

2. A candidate that attends a community college or university must maintain enrollment in a Certification Program or Associate in Applied Science Program in which the curriculum is specialized and leads to job-specific certification and is a maximum of two years in length. All proposed Certification Programs or Associate in Applied Science Programs at community colleges and universities must be pre approved by the Benton REA Review Committee. Examples of eligible Certification Programs and Associate of Applied Science Programs include but are not limited to:

- Automotive
- Early Childhood Education
- Paramedic
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Nursing-LPN
- Pharmacy Technician
- Welding

C. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the candidate, or the candidate, must be a member of the Benton REA with primary residence located within the area served by Benton REA.

D. Recipients must agree to personally accept the award of scholarship at the upcoming Benton REA annual meeting and also to help at the meeting. If a recipient is unable to attend the Benton REA annual meeting, alternative arrangements must be made prior to the annual meeting and that are approved by the Benton REA board of trustees.

E. Recipients must agree to make presentations at local community meetings.

III Application Procedures

- A. Applicants for scholarships must complete an application form, the Trade/Technical Experience Sheet, submit a 500-word typewritten essay on an assigned topic and include copies of their high school transcripts.
- B. All applications for the Trade/Technology scholarship must be received at a Benton REA office or postmarked by December 10, 2007.

IV Selection Criteria

- A. General Selection Criteria will include the following considerations:
 - 1. Benton REA membership eligibility.
 - 2. Submission of 500-word essay, as assigned.
 - 3. Grade Point Average. A copy of applicant's transcript must be provided.
 - 4. A Trade/Technical Experience Sheet.
- B. The following point scale will be utilized for determining the three recipients of the annual scholarship funds:

Description	Possible Points
500-Word Essay	40
Grade Point Average	10
Trade/Technical Experience Sheet	<u>50</u>
Total Possible Points	100

Each of the three applicants with the highest average scores will then be awarded an \$8,000 Trade/Technical education scholarship to be divided equally based on total grading periods.

V Limitations

- A. The recipient of a Trade/Technical education scholarship must have completed the number of credit hours necessary to be fully matriculated at the beginning of the term.
- B. Scholarships will be awarded for one (1) grading period at a time.
- C. Access to the Trade/Technical educational scholarship fund is valid for a period not to exceed four (4) years from the date of initial enrollment in an accredited educational or training institution and shall be available for a period not to exceed two (2) school years.
- D. Recipients of a Trade/Technical education scholarship must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher to remain in the program. The student must provide Benton REA with a transcript of their GPA from the school within 30 days from the end of the grading period. For recipients enrolled in a Certification Program or an Associate of Applied Science Program at a community college or a university that is pre-approved by the Association, the certified transcript will be used to verify that the student remains enrolled in the pre-approved program.
- E. Scholarships will be paid directly to the recipient's college, university, technical, trade

or training institution upon Benton REA's receipt of tuition costs and appropriate evidence that the recipient has been accepted as a full-time student.

- F. First priority use of Trade/Technical Scholarship funds must be to pay tuition. If money remains after tuition is paid, the candidate may purchase books and submit documented receipts to the Benton REA Review Committee to obtain reimbursement of such expense. Clothing, transportation, appliances, telephones, and food do not qualify for payment.
- G. Unused scholarship funds will be retained by Benton REA. Unused funds may result if a student is over financed, if a student no longer remains enrolled in the pre approved curriculum, if the student no longer meets the requirements of the scholarship program, or if a recipient ceases to be a student. Scholarship funds that have been sent to an institution that are not used by a qualifying recipient shall be refunded to Benton REA, not to the student.
- H. Scholarships are not assignable.
- I. Access to a continuing Trade/Technical scholarship is contingent upon the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) remaining members of the Benton REA with their primary residence located within the area served by Benton REA.
- J. Scholarships are limited to one per student.

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Two Year Trade/Technical Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Soc. Sec. # _____

High School: _____

Intended Institute of Higher Learning: _____

Transcripts/Experience Sheet/Essay: Please attach copies of your high school transcripts, the Trade/Technical Experience Sheet and a 500 word typewritten essay, to this application and return by mail to:

Scholarship Program
Benton Rural Electric Association
PO Box 1150, Prosser, WA 99350 *(no later than December 8, 2008)*

I am a high school senior and my **primary residence** is provided electrical service by Benton REA. I understand that I am required to submit a 500-word essay entitled ***We are facing a crisis in meeting the job demands for new positions in trades and crafts, particularly in regards to electrical linemen. What are your recommendations to resolve this labor force problem?*** I have read and understand that my application, essay, Trade/Technical Experience Sheet, and high school transcripts are to be submitted to Benton Rural Electric Association **no later than December 8, 2008** or I will not be considered as a candidate for this year's Trade/Technical scholarship program.

I understand that the Benton REA Trade/Technical scholarship can only be used for a program that is a maximum of two years in length and must be at a technical or trade institution or a pre approved Certification Program or Associate in Applied Science Program at a community college or university.

I understand that, if selected to receive a Benton REA Trade/Technical scholarship, I must agree to:

1. Personally accept the initial award of scholarship at the upcoming Benton REA annual Meeting (February 7, 2009), and also to help out at the meeting, or make other arrangements that are pre-approved by the Benton REA board of trustees.
2. To make presentations at local community meetings during the year.

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I understand that if I am awarded a Benton REA Trade/Technical scholarship and, for some unforeseen reason, am not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify the Benton REA Member Services Department immediately so that one of the alternates may receive the scholarship.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent or Guardian: _____

Benton REA **Electric** Account # _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____
