



Member Scholarship Application

— 2026 —

Scholarship Overview

In spring 2026, Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) will award up to eleven \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors from throughout SVEC's service territory.

A committee of SVEC employees will review all scholarship applications and award scholarships based on cumulative, unweighted high school GPA, the quality of extracurricular, church, community, civic, work and/or volunteer activities, two letters of recommendation, and a 250- to 500-word essay on why the applicant wants to continue their education and how this scholarship will help them do so.

The SVEC Scholarship Program does not and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin or on any other basis in either the application process or in the consideration and granting of the scholarships provided by SVEC.

Rules and Conditions

By submitting the application package and the attachments and submissions relating to the application, the applicant and his or her parent/guardian signing the application are certifying that the information submitted is true and correct, and the applicant and his or her parent are agreeing to the scholarship rules and conditions set forth below:

- I. To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must be graduating in spring 2026 from a public, private or charter high school; or a home school in SVEC's service territory, have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of at least 3.50 and plan to attend an accredited post-secondary or vocational educational institution. The student must also be a dependent of an SVEC member but cannot be a child or grandchild of a current SVEC employee or current trustee.
- II. The completed and signed application form (and all attachments thereto) and the essay must be received by SVEC by 5:00 p.m., March 20, 2026. All required items can be e-mailed to communications@svec-coop.com, hand delivered to our office at 11340 100th Street, Live Oak, or mailed to:

SVEC Scholarship
c/o Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative
PO Box 160
Live Oak, FL 32064
- III. If an applicant fails to complete the entire application or fails to submit all the items in the format requested hereunder by the deadline, the application will not be considered for any purposes or under any circumstances with respect to the scholarships per the board of trustees.
- IV. The application and release of information forms must be signed by both the student applying for the scholarship and the parent/guardian of the applicant and, if either of such signatures is not on the application or release of information form, the application will be considered incomplete, and not considered in the application process.
- V. The scholarship shall be transmitted to the accredited school selected by the scholarship recipient.

- VI. The scholarship shall be announced and awarded in the spring prior to the recipient's graduation but is contingent and subject to the scholarship recipient graduating from high school and passing any required graduation exam. The scholarship will be paid by SVEC directly to the educational institution for credit to the student's account at the institution with notification of receipt to be received from the educational institution.
- VII. To qualify for the scholarship, the student must attend an accredited community college, four-year college, technical school, or vocational school, beginning no later than the spring 2027 term.
- VIII. For the scholarship funds to be received to the benefit of the scholarship recipient, the student must enroll on a full-time basis at the institution selected, which full-time status must be certified to by the institution. Failure to qualify as a full-time student will result in a rescission of the scholarship with the funds being returned from the institution to SVEC. There are no exceptions to this rule, and except as determined by SVEC on a nondiscriminatory basis, there will be no deferral of enrollment.
- IX. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a dependent child of a SVEC member at the time the application is made and through graduation from high school. However, the applicant cannot be a child or grandchild of a current SVEC employee or trustee.
- X. Scholarships will not be awarded solely based on need, however, SVEC expects additional weight and consideration be given to students with financial hardship.

Initial _____(Applicant)

Initial _____(Parent/Guardian)

Release of Academic Information

We, the undersigned individuals, the applicant and a parent/guardian of the applicant, by signing below authorize the release of any and all academic information from _____ (Name of High School) and do hereby authorize the guidance counselor and principal of such high school to discuss such information with SVEC.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Photographic Release

We, the undersigned individuals, the applicant and a parent/guardian of the applicant, by signing below agree that as a condition of being awarded a scholarship, applicant may be photographed and/or videotaped by SVEC for internal and/or promotional use. I hereby grant and convey to SVEC all right, title, and interest, including but not limited to, any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits, in any and all such photographs or recordings, and consent to SVEC's use of applicant's name, image, likeness, and voice in perpetuity, in any medium or format, for any publicity without further compensation or permission.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

APPLICATION FORM FOR SVEC SCHOLARSHIP

(Type or Print Please)

1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Name of Parent/Guardian(s): _____
Relationship: _____
3. Cooperative Account Number: _____
(Used only for member verification purposes)
4. Home Address: _____
City *State* *Zip*
5. Telephone Number: (____) _____
6. Last four digits of Social Security Number: _____
7. Email Address: _____
8. High School Attended: _____
9. Date of High School Graduation: _____
10. Unweighted High School GPA: ____ **(Attach transcript or other verification from school official.)**
11. College or Vocational School in which you plan to enroll: _____
City: _____ *State:* _____
12. Anticipated Major (Course of Study): _____
_____ 4-year bachelor's degree _____ 2-year associate degree _____ certification
13. Please attach a list of all school extracurricular, church, community, civic, work and/or volunteer activities that you desire to be considered with your application.
14. Please attach two letters of recommendation (No letters from relatives will be accepted).
15. Please attach a 250-500 word essay on why you want to continue your education and how this scholarship will help you do so.

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have each read the entire application package and do hereby certify that we understand the contents of the application package. Also, by signing below, we each certify that the information provided in the application and each of the attachments submitted with the application are true and correct. If any of the information provided in the application or any of the attachments is found not to be true and correct, the applicant will be immediately disqualified and, if any scholarship has been awarded, such scholarship shall be rescinded.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____