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2010-11 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Dear Educators, Parents and Students,

It's that time again for high school seniors to apply for college scholarships from the Continental Divide Electric Education Foundation.

Enclosed is a CD containing an information sheet on scholarship requirements and the four-page scholarship application. The information is also available on our Web site at www.cdec.coop on the "Scholarships" page under the "Education" menu.

Please remember:

1. The deadline to submit applications is May 1, 2010.
2. Only complete applications will be considered (Applications must contain all requested information and required documentation).
3. Scholarship applicants, or their parent(s) or legal guardian must be a CDEC member of the Co-op.
4. Applicants must attend an accredited college, university or higher-ed institution within the state of New Mexico.

Please direct questions to Scholarship Coordinator Corina Sandoval at the Co-op's Grants office, (505) 285-6656.

Thanks for your assistance.



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CDEC Scholarship Information and Requirements

Continental Divide Electric is fortunate to have one of the state's largest cooperative-sponsored scholarship programs, thanks to the mining boom in the 1970s and 80s. Each year, Continental Divide awards numerous scholarships to traditional and non-traditional college students who choose to attend school in New Mexico. Grants of up to \$2,000 are awarded. Below are answers to most frequently asked questions about the program. If you have further questions, please contact CDEC Scholarship Coordinator Corina Sandoval at (505) 285-6656.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be active members of the co-op or immediate family of co-op members. An active member is someone who currently receives Continental Divide Electric. Recipients must use the scholarship money to pursue an established bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education in New Mexico. Students must carry and successfully complete at least 12 credit-hours (full-time), per semester.

What's the application process?

Along with the application, applicants must attach a copy of their transcript and three letters of recommendation from the high school(s) they attended, stating why the applicant is college material and needs financial assistance. If the applicant has received the equivalent of a high school degree, such as a G.E.D., or has been out of school for many years, then letters may be obtained from the last high school or elementary school attended.

How are recipients chosen?

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the CDEC Education Foundation's Scholarship Committee. The committee bases its decisions on the academic accomplishments and character of recipients.

How much is the scholarship and how long can I receive it?

Grants of up to \$2,000 are awarded each year. The number of grants and amount depend on funds available in the co-op's Education Foundation. If an applicant is chosen to receive the full \$2,000, then \$1,000 will be awarded in the fall semester. The maximum amount a student can receive from CDEC's Education Foundation is \$8,000 for four years. Recipients are required to maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. in order for the scholarship to be renewed beyond the first semester.



CDEC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Must be received by May 1)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Social Security No. _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of father/spouse _____

Name of mother/spouse _____

Are you or your parents active members of Continental Divide Electric Co-op? _____

If yes, list the CDEC account number and the name the account is under _____

Number of dependent children (including applicant) in family _____

Are any other family members attending college? _____ If so, how many? _____

What in-state college or university do you plan to attend? _____

(First choice)

(Second choice)

In what field do you plan to major? _____ Minor? _____

Have you applied for acceptance to any college? _____ If so, where? _____

What are your estimated college expenses for the upcoming school year? _____



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Tell Us About Yourself!

What high school(s) and college(s) have you attended? _____

List any academic honors _____

List participation in any extracurricular activities, clubs and sports _____

How have you been involved in the community? _____

What, if any, work experience do you have?

List type of work, length of employment and name of employers _____



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Signature Page

In applying for this scholarship, I am aware that I must maintain above average grades (at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in courses leading to a degree) and demonstrate acceptable standards of citizenship and character in order to continue qualifying in succeeding years when the scholarship is available for more than one year.

Applicant _____ Date _____

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing the scholarship donors.

Along with my transcript, I have enclosed three letters of recommendation from guidance counselors, teachers, principals or the superintendent of the school I attended.

Applicant _____ Date _____

Parent or guardian _____ Date _____

(Check box) if you would like this application to also be considered for a \$500, one-time scholarship from Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association.

Deliver application to Continental Divide's Grants office
at 200 E. High St., or mail to:

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