



Pella Cooperative Electric “At-Large” Scholarship
Rules and Instructions for \$500 Scholarship Award

1. There will be no discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, national origin, creed, religion, marital status or disability.
2. The recipient shall be a graduating high school senior in the 2016-2017 school year (August – May) from any high school, excluding Pella High School and Pella Christian High School (these students should apply through the Pella Dollars for Scholars program).
3. The recipient shall be a U.S. citizen living in a home currently served by Pella Cooperative Electric (if a minor, his/her parents/guardians must be members).
4. All applications shall be completed in full and filed with Pella Cooperative Electric’s Evaluation Committee after the applicant has completed three and one half years, or the equivalent in hourly credits, of high school. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
5. The applicant shall furnish a transcript showing three and one half years of high school grades, or the equivalent in hourly credits. All transcripts shall be retained by the Evaluation Committee whether or not the applicant is granted a scholarship. All information supplied by the applicants will be considered confidential.
6. Applications must be postmarked on or **before May 1, 2017.**
7. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made after review of all completed applications by the Evaluation Committee of Pella Cooperative Electric.
8. A scholarship check will be made payable to the financial office of the educational institution. The scholarship recipient is responsible for providing correct mailing and student account identification information. Checks must be used for educational costs.
9. Scholarships will be paid in one installment (August).
10. Application will be considered complete when the following items are received:
 - a. Completed Application Form
 - b. High School Transcript
 - c. Personal Letter
 - d. Cover Letter Answering the Question: Why Are Electric Cooperatives Important?
 - e. Completed “Character Evaluation and Recommendation Form” (submitted separately by the applicant’s reference)

Pella Cooperative Electric At-Large Scholarship
Application Form for \$500 Scholarship Award

Please type or print legibly. Return this form **postmarked no later than May 1, 2017** to:

Pella Cooperative Electric
Attn: Sue Warrick
PO Box 106
Pella, IA 50219

Applicant Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City Zip Code

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Family Information

Pella Cooperative Electric account number _____
(call 1-800-619-1040 if unsure)

Name as listed on Cooperative membership _____

Name of Applicant's parents or legal guardians _____

College Information

Please list all schools to which you have made application for admission. Please fill in the appropriate circle to indicate you have been accepted by the school and if you plan to attend. If you are selected as the scholarship recipient, a representative from Pella Cooperative Electric will contact you to collect information about your college choice – particularly information about where the \$500 scholarship should be mailed.

_____ Accepted Plan to Attend
School City

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School City

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School City

What are you considering for your chosen field of study? _____

High School Information

I am currently attending _____
High School *City*

My grade point average is _____ on a _____ scale as of _____ / _____ / _____
Date

My A.C.T. composite score was _____ (if available).

My S.A.T. composite score was _____ (if available).

List all college level or related courses taken _____

List any scholastic award you have won or achievements that you feel should be considered in grades 9 – 12:

List the activities to which you have devoted time or which have been important to you. (Include 4-H, scouting, church, National Honor Society, sports, drama, etc.)

Reference Information

List the name and address of a personal reference. Have the reference complete the "Character Evaluation and Recommendation Form". Your reference should be an educator (high school superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, advisor, or teacher in your chosen field of study) or a person in the community (minister, employer, etc.) Please do not obtain recommendations from relatives.

Reference _____
Name *Title*

Address *City* *Zip Code*

Application Information

To complete your application, Pella Cooperative Electric must receive all of the following in **one packet**:

1. Completed application form
2. Your high school transcript (at least three and one half years)
3. A personal letter – one page, typed, double spaced – stating your educational goals, work and personal experiences, and any special circumstances surrounding the application that you feel the scholarship evaluation committee should consider.
4. A cover letter answering the following question: **Why are electric cooperatives important?** Please limit your answer to one paragraph (5-8 lines). Include your name, age, current grade in high school, high school name, home address, home phone number, cell phone number and email (if applicable).
5. Include a current photo to be used by the cooperative for publication purposes.

Pella Cooperative Electric **must receive** a completed “Character Evaluation and Recommendation Form” **before May 1, 2017**. A scholarship application is considered complete upon receipt of the application packet and character evaluation form (submitted separately by your reference). The character evaluation form must be mailed by your reference to:

Pella Cooperative Electric
Attn: Evaluation Committee
P.O. Box 106
Pella, IA 50219

All information supplied by the applicants will be considered confidential. The completed application and accompanying material will be retained by the Evaluation Committee as a permanent record of the applicant. **Only complete applications will be considered for the award.**

Applicants will be evaluated based upon their personal letter and their answer to the question “Why are cooperatives important?” Evaluation will also be based upon the scholastic effort, extra-curricular activity participation and personal recommendations.

If you have any questions regarding the application form or accompanying documents, please feel free to call:

Phone: (641) 628-1040 or toll free (800) 619-1040
Contact Person: Sue Warrick
Email: swarrick@pella-cea.org

Pella Cooperative Electric
2615 Washington Street
P.O. Box 106
Pella, IA 50219

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Character Evaluation & Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name _____

Note to Student:

Please have **your reference** complete a copy of this evaluation form. This person must not be a relative. The reference should be an educator (high school superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, advisor, teacher in your chosen field of study, etc.) or a person from the community (minister, employer, neighbor, etc.)

Note to Reference:

We would appreciate your observations and opinions about the applicant in the following areas. Your recommendation will be given considerable attention by the Evaluation Committee. Please be as specific as possible. This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner. Please **complete the recommendation before May 1, 2017** and return it to the following address: Pella Cooperative Electric | Attn: Evaluation Committee | P.O. Box 106 | Pella, IA 50219.

Cooperation / Personality:

Consider the willingness and ability to work with people in various capacities; interaction with people.

Initiative / Judgment / Common Sense

Consider the resourcefulness, ingenuity, and foresight in making everyday decisions.

Leadership / Reliability

Consider ability to motivate a group of people in a desired direction, as well as dependability, willingness, and honesty.

Additional Comments:

Signature of Reference

Title

Printed Name

Phone Number

Email Address