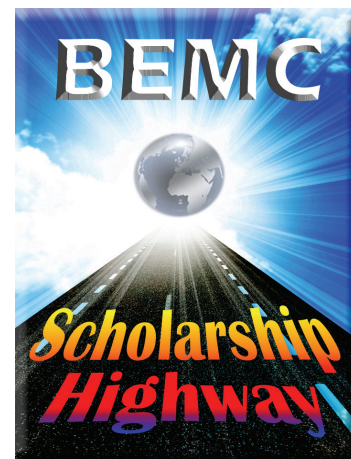




2012 Competition for High School Seniors to Win a \$5,000 Scholarship

(one scholarship will be awarded in
Brunswick County and one in Columbus County)



APPLICATION PACKAGE INSTRUCTIONS

How to apply:

- 1) Check to be sure you meet the Eligibility Criteria (see page 2).
- 2) Fill out the attached BEMC Scholarship Highway Application Form or go to www.bemc.org (Community Services page) and download a Microsoft Word document that can be filled out on your computer.
- 3) Attach your typed, double-spaced essay (1,000 to 1,500 words, maximum of 3 pages) with your research and thoughts on:

"How Cooperatives Create Value for Their Members and the Community" *

* Essay should include an introduction; a body section, explaining your findings, perhaps a comparison of different approaches; and the results, citing your research sources. Finally, present your conclusions and/or recommendations.

- 4) Attach letters of recommendation – up to 2 from current teachers and one character reference letter. (These may not be from a family member.)
- 5) Attach letter of acceptance from college or other school.
- 6) Meet with your guidance counselor to check for completeness, to verify academic information and attach a copy of your high school transcript. Guidance counselor must review and sign the application.
- 7) Make a copy for yourself and **submit your application to your guidance counselor by Friday, MARCH 30, 2012.**

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BEMC Scholarship Highway Program Details:

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC) will award two (2) scholarships of \$5,000 each to high school seniors, one from Brunswick County and one from Columbus County. In addition to public high school students, those attending private schools or home schools may apply if they meet the eligibility criteria below.

The awards will be based on a combination of:

Academic achievement including SAT scores	20%
Participation in community activities	15%
Participation in school-related activities	15%
Letters of reference and	10%
Essay	40%

ELIGIBILITY: must meet all of the following criteria:

- be a U.S. Citizen;
- attend a high school located in Brunswick or Columbus County;
- live in a residence receiving electric service from BEMC;
- be the dependent of a BEMC member with a permanent primary residence that currently receives electric service from BEMC;
- have been accepted at an accredited 2-year community college, 4-year college/university, or a vocational / technical school for full-time status of 12 or more credit hours;
- plan to start school in Fall 2012.

JUDGING:

Judging will be done by panels of educators at Brunswick Community College and Southeastern Community College. Final approval will be by the Board of Directors of BEMC. All applicants will be notified of the results in writing.

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Scholarships will be presented to the winning senior in Brunswick and Columbus counties at the senior awards program at their high school in May. BEMC will issue a press release and publicize the award on its website and other publications.

Payment of the scholarship funds will be made directly to the school the student is attending, upon presentation of the tuition bill and payment request form to BEMC at the beginning of each semester. Student must maintain a GPA of 2.4 or higher to qualify for payment.

2-year community college or vocational/technical program:

\$5,000 scholarship will be spread over 4 semesters @ \$1,250 per semester

4-year college/university:

\$5,000 scholarship will be spread over the first 2 semesters @ \$2,500 per semester

If a student does not complete a semester and/or fails to return to school for the following semester, unused funds are to be returned by the school to BEMC. Any remaining balance of the scholarship will be forfeited by the student unless there are extenuating circumstances explained in writing to BEMC and accepted by BEMC's Board of Directors.

If the student changes schools they must notify BEMC in writing and present the next semester's bill from the new school with the payment request form.

Payments from BEMC will be made within two weeks of receipt of the bill and payment request form.

6. School planning to attend _____ Location _____

Course of Study: _____ Start Date _____

___ 2 yr program ___ 4 yr program ___ Other _____

Estimated Costs first year:

Tuition: \$ _____

Room: \$ _____

Board: \$ _____

Books: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____ (explain) _____

TOTAL \$ _____

8. Other scholarships or aid received: _____

9. Explain your need for scholarships or financial aid: _____

10. Special circumstances (*extended family obligations, medical expenses, other siblings in college, etc*)

ATTACHMENTS:

___ Essay (typed, double-spaced, 1,000 to 1,500 words, maximum of 3 pages)

___ School Transcripts

___ Up to two letters of recommendation from current teachers and one character reference letter (letters may **not** be from a family member.)

___ Letter of acceptance from your school(s) of choice

Reviewed by: _____ , Guidance Counselor Date: _____