

# *Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

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## **COLUMBIA BASIN BILLY GENTRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### Billy Gentry:

Billy started work for the Cooperative at 18 years old and retired in 1991 after 43 years with the Cooperative. Billy worked as a truck driver, a pole setter, on the framing crew, jackhammer operator, powder man before becoming the foreman and then line superintendent. Billy loved his work family and the trade – anyone that was willing to work, no matter the weather or how long it took to restore power, was part of the family. Billy was present at the Potter Ranch in 1949 to witness Columbia Basin Electric's first member be provided power.

### Requirements:

The Billy Gentry Memorial Scholarships are only available to graduating high school seniors. To qualify, the student's parent or guardian must be an active member of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, and the student must reside in the home served by CBEC. While not required, priority will be given to students interested in pursuing a trade/degree in the electrical industry, with greater consideration given to individuals that plan to move back to Eastern Oregon. CBEC will be offering individual scholarships from \$500 to \$1,500.

Application Form

Resume containing information (with years of participation) on school activities, community activities, work experience, honors/awards (dates received), etc.

One-page essay explaining why you should be selected for the scholarship

Applicants are required to submit this completed application, the one-page essay, and a resume by 5pm on April 30, 2026 to [DebbieL@columbiabasin.cc](mailto:DebbieL@columbiabasin.cc), or delivered to our Condon or Heppner locations.

I have read and understand the above scholarship requirements, and by submitting this application, confirm that I meet all requirements. I attest that all information submitted is complete and accurate. I understand I am required to submit the scholarship form, a resume, and a one-page essay.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

CBEC Acct#: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions in complete sentences using a word processing program. You may use two pages, if necessary, to answer all the questions.

- 1) What trade school or college do you plan to attend next year (or what colleges or trade schools are you considering)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) What is your proposed field of study/trade and what you have done to prepare yourself for that program?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What are your anticipated college/trade expenses with amounts, and how do you plan to contribute toward your college expenses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What special circumstances should the scholarship committee know about?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) What are your plans after graduating from your college or trade school?