



# 2026 Curtis Wood Memorial Scholarship Application



Curtis Wood taught and served at Prairie View A&M University for many years as a Professor, Director of Communications, and in various other capacities. He also served as Board Member of San Bernard Electric Cooperative from 1977 to 1987. In his honor, we are delighted to be able to offer up to ten scholarships in his memory as the scholarship symbolizes his commitment to the youth of our community and to education.

## Eligibility:

- Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be members of San Bernard Electric Cooperative.
- Must be a graduating senior at one of the High Schools in our service territory or an accredited home extended studies program. (Bellville, Columbus, Faith Academy, Hallettsville, Hempstead, Magnolia, Rice, Royal, Sacred Heart, Sealy, Waller, and Weimar High School)
- Applicant must show proof of enrollment to Prairie View A&M University
- The applicant must be in the top 50% of their graduating senior class.
- Applicant must be attending Prairie View A&M University in the fall of 2026
- Scholarship application must be postmarked or emailed by midnight on **Monday, March 9, 2026**, to:

SBEC

ATTN: Scholarships

PO BOX 1208

Bellville, Texas 77418

## Selection of Recipients and Disbursement of Funds:

Recipients of the scholarships will be chosen based on the following:

Financial necessity - 40 percent

Written essay - 20 percent

Participation in community/school activities - 40 percent

The total scholarship award will be \$2,500 and will be disbursed for the first two semesters of college attendance and shall be established in the sum of \$1,250.00 per student per semester. Recipients must provide a copy of their enrollment to Prairie View A&M University. At that time, SBEC will pay \$1,250/semester in recipient's name directly to the financial aid department. Student must maintain a 2.0 GPA for spring payment.

## 2026 Essay Format and Topic:

The essay will be evaluated based on the following: demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter, originality, composition, grammar and neatness. The essay should be typed, at least 500 words in length, 12-point font and double spaced. It should be written on the following topic:

*Describe an accomplishment, event or realization and how it relates to your field of study and your future goals.*

## Deadline:

A completed application must be emailed/postmarked by midnight on Monday, March 9, 2026. Completed application (including all necessary documentation) can be submitted by e-mail, dropped off at area office, or mailed.

**Mail:** San Bernard Electric Cooperative, Attn: Scholarships, PO Box 1208, Bellville, Texas 77418

**E-mail:** Tiffany Stodder at TStodder@sbec.org



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For Office Use  
Application #:

Please type or print neatly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SBEC Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If other please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Checklist:

Prior to submitting your application, please make sure you have completed the entire application and all required documents are attached.

- All pages of application completed
- Essay: typed, double-spaced, minimum of 500 words, 12-point font
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Copy of transcript with counselor's signature on application
- E-mail a high-resolution cap and gown digital photo to Tstodder@sbec.org. The photo will be used for publicity if you are selected to receive the scholarship.
- Two letters of reference from teachers, counselors, coaches, clergy, community leaders, or employers - Letters must be written within 3 months of the application date.

*If selected for this scholarship, I am aware that I must provide SBEC with proof of enrollment from Prairie View A&M University of which I will be considered a full-time student (12 credit hours per semester for the fall and spring semesters).*

*I understand that the funding is for the fall/spring semester of the 2026/2027 school year.*

*I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing SBEC and its appointed Scholarship Review Committee.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Application Completed:  Yes  No  Contacted

Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

I have taken the  SAT  ACT Combined SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Composite ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ **Must attach copy of the score report(s).**

I have not taken the SAT or ACT.

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  Based on a 4.0 scale  100-point scale

**GPA Certification: Signature needed if transcripts are not available. (High School Only)**

By printing and signing below, I certify that the cumulative GPA written above is accurate and true.

Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been accepted into an accredited four year university/college, junior college or TEA-approved trade school  Yes  No

School You Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Write a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

**Financial Information**

Total Annual Income of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- \$0 - \$19,999       \$60,000 - \$79,999
- \$20,000 - \$39,999       \$80,000 - \$99,999
- \$40,000 - \$59,999       \$100,000 or more

Total Annual Income of Applicant

- \$0 - \$4,999       \$15,000 - \$19,999
- \$5,000 - \$9,999       \$20,000 or more
- \$10,000 - \$14,999

Do you have a job now? Yes  No  Do you plan to work while attending college? Yes  No

List job history for the last two years:

Do you have younger or older siblings living at home or attending college/TEA-approved schools?  Yes  No

If yes, list ages and school for the 2025/2026 school year (no names):

**1 - Age, School** \_\_\_\_\_

**2 - Age, School** \_\_\_\_\_

**3 - Age, School** \_\_\_\_\_

Attach information for additional siblings, if necessary.

