

Grey Forest Utilities Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Application

Awards: (Grey Forest Utilities customers or their dependents) 1st Place - \$2,000; 2nd Place - \$1,000; 3rd Place - \$750; 4th Place - \$500. One additional award (\$750) is reserved for a Grey Forest City resident or their dependents. In the event of a tie, financial need will be used to determine the winner. If a second tie breaker is needed, volunteer activities/community service will be used to determine the winner.

Please read the instructions carefully to avoid disqualification.

Qualifications: (1) Applicant must be a graduating high school senior, undergraduate student, graduate student, professional or non-traditional student (older student returning to college).

(2) Student must be attending or applying to an accredited college or university in the United States.

Selection Procedures:

(1) Final selections will be based on your potential for success, your essay, reference letters, and your financial need.

(2) All scholarship monies will be paid directly to the college or university of the winners. This is not a cash award.

Application completion and mailing instructions:

(1) Do not leave blank spaces/unanswered questions. Use “N/A” for any area on the application not applicable to you. **DO NOT ALTER THIS APPLICATION.** Missing application components or false information may be cause for disqualification. All information provided is subject to verification.

(2) All transcripts must be official transcripts. Internet copies will not be accepted and may be cause for disqualification. Indicate if you’re Non-traditional student and your last transcript are from more than five years ago.

(3) Your essay must focus on your educational and career goals. Relate how past, present, and future activities will help you achieve these goals. Pay particular attention to spelling and grammar. Use spell check and grammar check on your computer. Poorly written essays will be graded accordingly.

(4) Mail to: Grey Forest Utilities
2026 Scholarship Program
PO Box 258
Helotes, Texas 78023

(5) **Deadline:**

All applications, recommendation letters, official transcripts, and essays must be postmarked **no later than April 17, 2026**, to be considered. Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted.

(6) **Award Announcements:** Winners will be announced on May 1, 2026.

Part 1 – General Information

(Please print or type)

1) Applicant Name: _____
(First) (Middle/Maiden) (Last)

2) Permanent Address: _____

3) Telephone: _____ SS# _____ - _____ - _____
(Area Code) (Number)

4) Date of Birth: _____ Birthplace: _____
(MM/DD/CCYY) (City/State)

5) Check one: ☐ Customer ☐ Dependent of Customer ☐ Resident ☐ Dependent of Resident
State relationship of customer/resident to you - include their name and address:

(Name/Relationship) (Street Address) (City) (State)

6) Father's occupation/employer: _____

7) Mother's occupation/employer: _____

9) State your current level of education:

- ☐ High school senior ☐ Undergraduate student ☐ Graduate student
☐ Veterinary student ☐ Dental student ☐ Medical student ☐ Non-traditional student
☐ Other professional _____

Name of school and dates attended: _____

Address of school: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____ What is, or was, your major? _____

Total GPA: _____ GPA in major: _____

High school only - Number in class: _____ Class Rank: _____ PSAT: _____ SAT: _____

(Please print or type—Attach additional sheets if necessary - not in lieu of. Must be in same format.)

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Part 3 – Financial Information – Applicant

(Please print or type)

(The financial circumstances of an applicant are one of the factors considered in the selection process. Therefore, it is necessary to request the applicant's financial information, as well as the applicant's parent's/guardian's financial information (if applicant is a dependent). All information provided in this application is confidential and will be reviewed by the Grey Forest Utilities Scholarship Foundation immediately after the final recipient determinations are made.)

1) Have you (the applicant) applied for any other scholarships? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, list names and amounts applied for: _____

2) Do you plan to apply for financial aid: ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, give details: _____

3) Do you have reasonable expectations of financial aid from any other source? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Explain: _____

4) Applicant's previous employment and/or current employment during high school and college
(Employer, dates, average hours per week, earnings per week):

5) Do you plan to work during semesters? ☐ Yes ☐ No During the summer? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

Anticipated Earnings per week: \$ _____

6) Applicant's Personal Savings: \$ _____

Applicant's Personal Checking: \$ _____

Applicant's Personal Investments: \$ _____

Part 3 – Financial Information – Parents or Guardian

(Please print or type)

(The financial circumstances of an applicant are one of the factors considered in the selection process. Therefore, it is necessary to request the applicant's financial information, as well as the applicant's parent's/guardian's financial information (if applicant is a dependent). All information provided in this application is confidential and will be reviewed by the Grey Forest Utilities Scholarship Foundation immediately after the final recipient determinations are made.)

7) Combined gross income from all sources during 2025 (parents/guardian): \$ _____

8) Estimated financial assistance for college related expenses parents or guardian expect to provide to applicant in 2026/2027: \$ _____

9) Please describe any extenuating circumstances which prevent, or in the near future, may prevent you from providing financial assistance for college related expenses to the applicant:

Part 4 – Final Instructions/Checklist

1) Answer all sections on the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All answers and claims may be verified by the committee. False statements will be cause for disqualification.

2) Provide two letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a teacher, principal, professor, or counselor. The other may be from an employer, a volunteer supervisor, pastor, priest, or a close family friend. All letters should be typed, dated, signed, be no more than one 8½ by 11 pages in length, and submitted (post-marked) by April 17, 2026. Hand-delivered recommendation letters, official transcripts, and essays will not be accepted.

3) Your essay must focus on your educational and career goals. Relate how past, present, and future activities will help you achieve these goals. Pay particular attention to spelling and grammar. Use spell check and grammar check on your computer. Poorly written essays will be graded accordingly. Your essay shall not exceed one 8½ x 11 pages in length, double-spaced.

4) All transcripts must be official transcripts. Internet copies will not be accepted and may be cause for disqualification. Indicate if you are a non-traditional student and your last transcript is from more than five years ago.

Applicant's Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____