

2021 Oakdale Electric Cooperative Essay Contest

High school students, selected by their high school, are eligible and strongly encouraged to enter the Oakdale Electric Cooperative (OEC) Essay Contest. Scholarships are awarded, as follows, to the authors of the top three essays to students at **each** of the twelve participating public high schools:

1st Place – \$1,500

2nd Place – \$1,250

3rd Place – \$1,000

Additional \$1,000 scholarships may, at the judges' discretion, be awarded to other exemplary entries. All scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The number of applicants, the amount of funds available, and the final opinion of the judges will affect these decisions.

Scholarships are paid to winning students upon presentation of proof of enrollment at any accredited college, university, or technical school in any state.

CONTEST RULES

1. Student must be a son/daughter (or under legal guardianship) of an active member of OEC residing in the same household.
2. Student must be entering his/her senior year of high school in the fall of 2021.
3. Essay Topic:
 - **While energy is a large part of an electric cooperative's mission, in what other capacity do they invest in the communities they serve outside of bringing broadband technology to rural areas? What is the importance of this action(s)? What things do you think the cooperatives could be doing for the community that isn't already being done?**
4. Students are encouraged to use personal experiences to demonstrate their understanding of the value of cooperation in their lives.
5. Knowledge of the subject, originality, grammar, spelling, and neatness will be factors used in judging essays.
6. A panel of three judges will judge essays. Only essays postmarked by the due date or received via email by 11:59 p.m. will be eligible to win.
7. Essays must be a minimum of 600 words, but not more than 1,200 words.
8. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, and on white letter-sized paper. Essays will need to be copied for distribution to the judges, so please be sure the essay will copy clearly.
9. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. YOU MUST USE THE ENTRY FORM ON BACK.**

Essays must be emailed to dprotz@oakdalerec.com or mailed to:

Oakdale Electric Cooperative
Attn: Essay Contest
PO Box 40
Oakdale, WI 54649

ESSAYS MUST BE EITHER BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 27, 2021
OR RECEIVED VIA EMAIL BY 11:59 P.M. ON AUGUST 27, 2021.

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ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____
Please do NOT put your name on the essay. Put your name on this form ONLY

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT / GURADIAN NAMES: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

EDUCATIONAL/CAREER GOAL(S) FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL:

SIGNATURE: _____

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