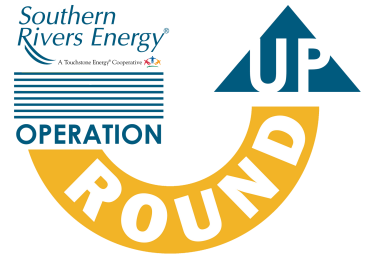


# Southern Rivers Energy Trust

# SCHOLARSHIP

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA



- All applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered by **March 1, 2026**.
- Applications can be mailed to: SRE Trust Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 40, Barnesville, GA 30204, or delivered to 1367 Hwy 341 South, Barnesville, GA 30204. **Late applications will not be considered.**
- The applicant's primary residence must be within Bibb, Coweta\*, Crawford, Lamar, Pike, Meriwether, Monroe, Spalding or Upson counties. \*Coweta applicants are restricted to the 30229 zip code.
- The applicant must be enrolled, at the time of the award, in an accredited college or technical school program, either full-time or part-time.
- The scholarship is for undergraduate studies only. Applications for master's or doctorate degrees will not be accepted.
- The competition is open to high school students with an acceptance letter and plans to begin college no later than the fall semester after graduation, as well as to current college and technical school students.
- The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's college, university, or vocational school.
- Applicants may reapply each year, but previous winners are not eligible to win again.
- **Five winners will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship.**
- Scholarship use must begin within one year of the award date and be fully utilized within two years. Funds will be paid directly to the school.
- A committee of judges will review the applications and make recommendations to the Southern Rivers Energy Trust, which will make the final decision. All decisions are final.
- If you are awarded the scholarship and the photo you submitted with your application is not acceptable for promotional use, you will be asked to submit another one or have one taken at SRE's office before any scholarship funds are released. **Please submit a recent school or professional photo (headshot only) for this purpose.** No glamour shots or selfies, please.
- The Southern Rivers Energy Trust, Inc. administers the scholarship.
- **Scholarship winners will be announced in April.**

### Statement on AI Usage for Scholarship Applications

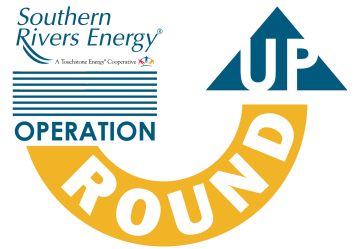
At Southern Rivers Energy, we recognize that AI tools such as ChatGPT, Bard, and others can be valuable resources. These tools can help generate ideas and refine your thoughts, but **the final submission should reflect your own work.** As with any other resource, you should avoid directly copying content that you did not create.

### FINAL SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ **Completed Essay (following the prompt)**
- ☐ **Copy of Acceptance Letter (for high school students only)**
- ☐ **Transcript or Proof of Current Enrollment**
- ☐ **One Letter of Recommendation**
- ☐ **A Recent Headshot or Graduation Photo**

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## SOUTHERN RIVERS ENERGY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS

CITY | STATE | ZIP

E-MAIL

BEST CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

NAME OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING

CURRENT GPA

COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

INTENDED MAJOR OR FIELD OF STUDY

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

BEST CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

## AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I certify that all information reported on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university upon my acceptance and subsequent enrollment to said institution. I give permission to the Southern Rivers Energy Trust to discuss this application with a representative at my school. If I receive a scholarship, I grant Southern Rivers Energy Trust permission to use my name and photograph in its publicity of this scholarship without consideration of compensation to me.

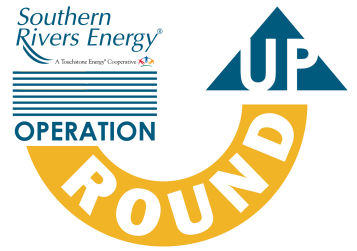
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY PROMPT



Write **ONE essay that addresses all four of the core values Touchstone Energy Cooperatives** such as Southern Rivers Energy adhere to: Commitment to Community, Accountability, Innovation and Integrity.

The essay should be **1,000 words or less**, typed and double-spaced.

**Do NOT reveal your name, place of residence, school, etc.** in the essay, as such references will disqualify your application.

Proofread your essay before submitting your application. Points will be deducted for grammatical errors and misspelled words.

### **Southern Rivers Energy Scholarship Essay Prompt:**

**Commitment to Community:** Cooperatives, like Southern Rivers Energy, are built on the foundation of community service and collaboration. Describe your commitment to your community, focusing on how you have contributed to the cooperative spirit. Include any school, church, or civic activities where you have given your time or talents to better your community. You may also highlight any work experience that aligns with these cooperative values.

**Accountability and Financial Need:** Explain how you plan to be accountable with these scholarship funds. Include how this financial assistance will help you achieve your educational goals and what challenges you would face without it. Be specific about your goals and how they reflect the values of responsibility and stewardship, key aspects of the cooperative business model.

**Demonstrating Integrity:** As a recipient of this scholarship, you would become an unofficial representative of Southern Rivers Energy and the Southern Rivers Energy Trust. What qualities do you possess that demonstrate your commitment to integrity, one of the Touchstone Energy Cooperative values? Reflect on how you embody honesty, accountability, and commitment to your community.

**Innovation and Overcoming Challenges:** Touchstone Energy values include innovation, which often requires creative problem-solving. Describe a time when you had to be innovative in response to a challenge or obstacle in your life. This could involve overcoming extraordinary needs, finding unique solutions to problems, or undertaking endeavors that required a new approach. How did this experience shape your ability to contribute to your community or align with the values of a cooperative?