

# 2016 WIRE Jenny Ballard Opportunity Scholarship for Women Returning to College



The WIRE Opportunity Scholarship is awarded to a woman who may not have been able to attend college when she graduated from high school, but now wants to further her education. The \$2,500 one-time scholarship will be presented to an electric cooperative member in South Carolina based on the applicant's information.

Applicants for the WIRE Opportunity Scholarship must:

- Be a member/customer of a South Carolina electric cooperative
- Have graduated from high school or earned your GED at least 10 years ago
- Obtain acceptance into an accredited South Carolina college or university
- Demonstrate financial need

Women who have previously obtained a four-year college degree are not eligible for this scholarship; however, applicants may have previously earned a two-year degree or some college credits.

To ensure that a cooperative Board member, officer, or employee is not in a position to derive a direct or indirect private benefit if a particular applicant is selected, all applicants will be required to disclose any relationship, either familial or business in nature, in their application. No applicant will be selected as a recipient if that applicant is a family member of any cooperative officer, director, or employee. For this purpose, family members include spouses, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the spouses of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

**Deadline for applications is June 2, 2016.** The winner will receive the scholarship for the Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 semester, which must be used during this specific time frame. The scholarship funds must be used in the Fall or Spring semester within the same school year it is awarded. The scholarship will be paid jointly to the winner and the college of choice.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT** (*please add additional sheets of paper as needed*)

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

Your Electric Cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Electric Cooperative Member ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Day Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status (circle one):      *Single*      *Married*      *Divorced*      *Separated*      *Widowed*

Ages of dependent children: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a familial or business relationship with a cooperative officer, director, or \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, what is the nature of the \_\_\_\_\_

Your annual salary: \_\_\_\_\_ Total household income: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the amount of all sources of financial assistance: (scholarships, loans, grants)

	Amount Received	Amount Applied for / Pending	
SC Lottery:			
Pell Grant:			
Student Loan:			
Other:			Type / Identity of other: _____
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Approximately how much will it cost for you to attend one semester of this college for the following:

Tuition: \_\_\_\_\_ Books: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest level of education      *GED*      *High School*      *Certificate*      *Associate's*      *Bachelor's*      *Master's*

Title of degree obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a transcript for the degree / certificate that was obtained.**

Name of College where you have been accepted or where you intend to apply: \_\_\_\_\_

College address & phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of graduation (month/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree pursued:      *Certificate*      *Associate's*      *Bachelor's*      *Master's*

Title of degree pursued: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a current transcript and a copy of the curriculum for your major / track of study.**

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of credit hours already completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Remaining hours needed to graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

Community and volunteer activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to return to college? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why should we award the scholarship to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Anything else we should know about you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please mail or fax your application by June 2, 2016, to Scholarship Chair Bobbie Cook, Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 417, Aiken, SC 29802, fax (803) 641-8310

I hereby authorize Women Involved in Rural Electrification (WIRE) and representatives to contact, obtain, and verify the accuracy of information contained in this application. I also hereby release from liability WIRE and its representatives for seeking, gathering, and using such information to make scholarship decisions and all other persons or organizations for providing such information.

I understand that any misrepresentation or material omission made by me on this application will be sufficient cause for cancellation of this application or immediate termination of scholarship funds.

I understand that it is the policy of this organization not to refuse or otherwise discriminate against a qualified individual with a disability because of that persons need.

I also understand that if I fail to attend school or terminate my enrollment at any time during a semester, then it is my responsibility to immediately notify the appropriate WIRE representative and I am liable for the appropriate refund of the scholarship.

I represent and warrant that I have read and fully understand the foregoing, and that I am applying for a scholarship opportunity under these conditions.

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_