

Santee Electric Cooperative Operation Round Up Scholarship Fund

Operation Round Up[®] is a voluntary program where members of Santee Electric Cooperative (“SEC”) round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest whole dollar. The average member contributes around five dollars per year. This small amount of money, when multiplied by the thousands of members who participate, makes a significant difference by helping to fund worthy projects and help those in need within our service area. Operation Round Up is administered by the SEC Trust Board, which is comprised of community leaders from our service territory who serve on a voluntary basis.

One of the core missions of Operation Round Up is to support the education of our children. This scholarship program is open to high school students living in a residence served by SEC. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, children of SEC employees, Trust Board members, and Board of Trustee members shall be ineligible for these scholarships.

The SEC Trust shall provide one (1) scholarship each year in each of the four (4) counties that we serve. Each scholarship will be for \$2,500 and will be presented to a graduating senior attending a public or private school within Clarendon, Georgetown, Florence, or Williamsburg County. Scholarships will be awarded by the SEC Trust Board. A complete application package must include all of the following documents:

- ❑ Copy of a high school transcript indicating a minimum GPA of 2.5 and indicating a graduation date within this calendar year
- ❑ Letter of acceptance from an accredited college, university, or trade school
- ❑ Letter from the applicant explaining their educational and career goals and how this scholarship will help them achieve those goals
- ❑ Letter from a coach, guidance counselor, or principal endorsing the applicant
- ❑ Copy of the most recent electric bill from the applicant’s place of residence (to verify SEC membership)

Application packages may be mailed to Operation Round Up at P.O. Box 548, Kingstree, SC 29556 or may be hand-delivered to any SEC branch office from January 1 - April 10. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed.

It is the student’s responsibility to submit the invoice for tuition and fees, student ID number, and college information. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the education institution and applied to said invoice. Under no circumstances shall the student directly receive funds. All scholarships are paid as one (1) non-recurring lump sum.