

High School Seniors

Enter for a chance to win a \$1,500 scholarship!

All High School Seniors who are members of PC Electric are eligible to enter!

Also eligible to enter are high seniors who attend the following schools:

- Iberville Parish: Plaquemine High, St. John High, and Math, Science and Arts Academy-West
- Pointe Coupee Parish: Livonia High, False River Academy, Catholic High of Pointe Coupee and STEM Academy
- West Baton Rouge Parish: Port Allen High School

Contest Rules

Students must write a formal letter approximately 500 words to an elected official. Students, this is the perfect opportunity to voice your personal opinion to your elected officials on any issue, problem, or success. In the letter, the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed. The letter should be addressed to the respective local, state or federal official in formal letter format. Obscene or offensive material will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified. Good luck to all and have fun writing.

Guidelines and Information

The department staff shall consider the following criteria in selecting the recipients of the scholarship:

- (a) Applicant/Recipient must have a parent or legal guardian who is a member of and receives electricity from PC Electric **OR** attends one of our adopted schools listed above.
- (b) Applicant/Recipient must have maintained at least a 2.5 overall GPA in high school.
- (c) Applicant/Recipient must include a copy of his/her high school grades transcript.
- (c) Applicant/Recipient must be entering his/her freshman year.
- (d) Applicant/Recipient must be a full-time student.

Format of Letter

1. Complete the attached application and staple a copy of your transcript to the application. Paperclip the application and transcript to your letter.
2. The letter must be in the format of a formal letter, typed and double-spaced.
3. **Do not sign your letter.** Simply sign or end your letter as follows: A Concerned Student, A Thankful Student, A Grateful Student, etc.
4. Contestants should keep a personal copy of the letter.
5. **Deadline is February 23, 2024, by 4:30 PM**
6. Letters should be mailed to the following:

Jill Copeland

PC Electric

P.O. Box 160

New Roads, La. 70760

As an alternative, applicants may drop off completed applications/information to the PC Electric office, located at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads.

Letters become the property of PC Electric and may be published at the discretion of PC Electric.

Preliminary Selection Judging - A judging committee will select the top three entries from each parish (Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge). The preliminary winners will advance to the final selection and will be notified by mail and telephone.

Final Selection Judging – Three finalists from each parish will attend a reception (**April 4, 2024**) at PC Electric (2506 False River Drive New Roads). The reception will start at 5:30 p.m. At the reception the letter (essay) will be

judged by a panel of three judges on the written assignment (50%), a personal interview with the student (30%), and an oral presentation of the letter (20%).

Three winners, ***one from each parish***, will receive a 1,500 scholarship to the university or trade school of their choice. Recipients will be presented with a framed certificate at the reception. News releases and pictures of the winners and PC Electric personnel will be sent to the three local papers in our service areas; the Pointe Coupee Banner, Post South, West Side Journal as well as the PC Connections Publication.

Handling Of Scholarship Money:

The recipients of these scholarships should first pay the tuition to the college, university, trade school or business school selected by the student. The scholarship recipient should then either mail, fax or drop off proof of paid registration and books to Jill Copeland at the PC Electric office. PC Electric will reimburse the recipient for \$1,500.00.

Non-Use Of Scholarship:

The scholarship recipient must commence his or her college education no later than the September following his or her graduation from high school to be eligible to receive the scholarship. In the event the recipient does not accept the scholarship by failing to enroll in a college, university, trade school or business school, the gift will lapse, and PC Electric will have the option to re-use his or her gift in a subsequent year.

Mail contest entries to:

Member Services Department, PC Electric

P.O. Box 160, New Roads, LA. 70760

or deliver to 2506 False River Drive, New Roads, LA. 70760

Contest entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 23, 2024

For more information, contact Jill Copeland at (225) 638-3751 or 1-800-738-7232.