



Don Stemple Scholarship Program

The Scholarship

The Don Stemple Scholarship Program offers children and grandchildren the opportunity to apply for a scholarship valued at \$2,000 to be used for higher education through college or a trade/technical school.

Named for long-time retired Board Member, Don Stemple, the scholarship is awarded to one graduating senior per year who meets the requirements of the application and whose parents or grandparents are members of Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative.

A graduate of Gillham High School, Don earned a Bachelor of Agriculture Education degree from Oklahoma State University and returned to his high school alma mater as the Vocational Agriculture teacher where he worked for 15 years. Following his time of teaching, his focus moved to cattle, poultry and swine farming.

Throughout his years with the Cooperative, Don also served in a number of other leadership capacities in the State of Arkansas and in his own community such as on the boards of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, Sevier County Water Association, Central Production Credit Association and First State Bank. His memberships include the Arkansas Cattle Association, Sevier County Cattle Association, Sevier County Farm Bureau and Sevier County Fair Board.

The Criteria

- Graduating High School Seniors whose parents, guardians or grandparents are members of Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative are eligible to apply
- Applicants must include their most recent academic transcript from high school
- Applicants must include a copy of their college entrance exam (ACT and/or SAT) scores
- Applications must supply two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer
- Applications should include documented high school and Community Activities and honors
- Applicants should include the signed media release form.
- Applicants should provide a photo to use for publication.

How to Apply

All forms must be completed and submitted by the deadline in order for the application to be considered.

Fillable PDF Applications are available on the Cooperative's website at www.swrea.com.

Applications and accompanying information may be mailed or dropped off at:

2904 E 9th Street

Texarkana, AR 71854

or emailed to rmorrow@swrea.com.

Note

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all forms are submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Student Information

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Family Information

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Phone Number: _____

Address if different from yours:

_____ Street City State Zip Code

Father's Name: _____

Father's Phone Number: _____

Address if different from yours:

_____ Street City State Zip Code

REA Account Number and Member's name and relationship to applicant:

Activities and Jobs

Position or Activity Description, Organization

Year

Essay: Please attach your essay of at least 1,000 words on the specified topic.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the attached essay is my original work.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby signify that all information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that meeting minimum criteria for this scholarship does not guarantee an award.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian
Signatures: _____ Date: _____

DON STEMPLE SCHOLARSHIP PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby consent to the photographing of my minor child, (Please print scholarship recipient's name) _____, and the recording of his/her voice and use of these photographs and/or recordings singularly or in conjunction with other photographs and/or recordings for advertising, publicity, commercial or other business purposes. I understand that the term "photograph" as used herein encompasses both still photographs and motion picture (video) footage.

I further consent to the reproduction and/or authorization by Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative to reproduce and use said photographs and recordings for use in all social media and other media markets.

I hereby release Southwest Arkansas Electric Cooperative and any of its directors, officers, employees and customers and appointed advertising agencies from all claims of every kind on account of such use.

(Printed Name of Parent)

(Signature of Parent)