



MEMBER SERVICES

Q&A

Q: My son in high school is looking at options for college. He's an excellent student and active in a variety of extracurricular activities. Does Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative offer any scholarships for which he might qualify?

A: Great to hear that your son is thinking about his future! We love assisting aspiring leaders and offer two youth programs that he may find of interest.

First, the Government-in-Action Youth Tour offers two lucky high school students (in 10th, 11th or 12th grade) the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., to tour our nation's capital. Each student selected to represent Bluebonnet on the tour also receives a \$500 scholarship during his or her senior year. During the chaperoned trip, students visit the U.S. Capitol, meet members of Congress and see historical sites such as the Lincoln Memorial and the Smithsonian



Institution museums. Before the Washington trip, the winners tour the Texas Capitol and Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. Applicants must live in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and who resides in Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within Bluebonnet's service area). The student must be available to participate in the Washington tour June 8-17, 2016. Students in accredited home extended study programs are eligible to apply. Applications are due by Jan. 29, 2016, so make sure your son applies soon. If he is chosen as a finalist, he must participate in an oral presentation and personal interview at 6 p.m. Feb. 8, 2016 in Bastrop.

The second opportunity is our Scholarships of Excellence program for high school students planning to pursue a trade and technical certificate, an associate's degree in a vocational field or a bachelor's degree. This year, Bluebonnet will award 25 \$2,500 trade and technical scholarships and 25 \$2,500 academic scholarships. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and must live in the home of a parent or legal guardian who is a current Bluebonnet member with an active account and resides in Bluebonnet's service area (including city limits that are within Bluebonnet's service area). Graduating seniors in accredited home extended study programs are eligible to apply. The deadline is March 25, 2016.

Scholarships of Excellence requirements and applications are available through area high school counselors and vocational instructors, at any of Bluebonnet's five member service centers in Bastrop, Brenham, Giddings, Lockhart and Manor and online at bluebonnet.coop. Hover over the Community tab, and click on Scholarships.

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