



Kansas Electric Youth (KEY) Leadership Conference and Scholarship Application

- Availability: Up to two high school sophomores or juniors whose households are served by Heartland will be selected for awards.
- Award Amount: A \$500 scholarship will be provided to each of the students selected. The winning students will be required to attend the 2022 Kansas Electric Youth (KEY) Leadership Conference in Topeka in June 2022; all trip expenses will be paid by Heartland.
- Frequency: One time, non-renewable
- Deadline: **Completed applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2022.** All supporting materials and documentation must be included with the application. Email with all materials scanned into one (1) PDF attachment to: info@heartland-rec.com.
- Eligibility:
- Student/Applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Heartland REC and currently receive electric service from the cooperative.
 - Student/Applicant must be a high school sophomore or junior currently enrolled as a full-time student.
- Evaluation: Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: grade point average, school involvement and achievements, community service and work experience, personal statement of educational and career goals, essay, and letters of recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Notification: Heartland will notify award recipients on February 21, 2022 and announce to cooperative's membership the same week. **Awardees will be required to complete a KEY Leadership Conference sign-up form by March 1, 2022.**

Section 1. Co-op Membership and High School Information

Student/Applicant's First and Last Name: _____

First and Last Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Heartland Account Number: _____ Name on Account: _____

Service Address: _____

High School Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Principal's Name: _____

Section 2. School Involvement and School Achievements

(Sections 2-5 to be completed separately and attached to this application form.)

- List all academic awards/honors and year(s)
- List extra-curricular school activities and year(s) of participation

Section 3. Community Service and Work Experience

- List community service and relevant dates
- List work experience, including name of employer and dates of employment

Section 4. Personal Statement

- Briefly discuss your future educational and career goals (250 words maximum)

Section 5. Essay

- Choose **one** of the following questions (500 words maximum):
 - 1) Electric cooperatives operate based on seven cooperative principles (please refer to <https://www.electric.coop/seven-cooperative-principles>). Which of the principles do you think is most important and why?
 - 2) How has Heartland REC personally impacted you and/or your family?

Section 6. Documentation

Attach and return the following documents along with the completed scholarship application:

- Official high school transcript with date.
- One signed letter of recommendation from a non-family member such as a supervisor, teacher, coach, or principal.

Note: A high-quality digital photo will be requested from award recipients for print publication in the Heartbeat newsletter as well as social media and future Heartland promotions. After participating in the KEY Leadership Conference, recipients may be asked to participate in a promotional video by answering questions about their experience.

We certify the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of our knowledge. We authorize Heartland to publicly identify the student as a recipient of the scholarship in print and online marketing materials. We understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Date: _____ Student/Applicant's Name (print): _____

Required: Student/Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (print): _____

Required: Parent or Legal Guardian's (Member) Signature: _____