



# Debbie Cole Trade Scholarship 2025 Guidelines

HILCO created the Debbie Cole Trade Scholarship to encourage and assist in the educational pursuits of HILCO members and their families.

## **Eligibility:**

### **Applicant must be:**

- ◆ A resident of the state of Texas.
- ◆ Considered a dependent, living at the residence of their parents or legal guardians who are active member-consumers of HILCO Electric. They must be receiving electric service from the cooperative at their permanent address.
- ◆ A graduating high school senior.

## **If you are selected to receive the scholarship, you must:**

- ◆ Enroll in the first fall semester after receipt of the scholarship.
- ◆ Meet entrance requirements of the school to which you apply.

## **Guidelines:**

- ◆ Complete the HILCO Electric Scholarship application.
- ◆ Submit an essay of approximately 300 words detailing  
“Someone in your life that has inspired you with their strong work ethic, and how that has influenced you in choosing a career requiring a skilled trade.”

## **Judging Criteria:**

### **Applicants will be judged on the following:**

- ◆ Financial need.
- ◆ Academic excellence.
- ◆ Involvement in extracurricular activities.
- ◆ Support of community and family life goals.
- ◆ Content of essay.

## **Other Issues:**

- ◆ Applications will be submitted to the selection committee in an anonymous format and graded on the criteria mentioned above.
- ◆ Applications will be accepted no sooner than April 1<sup>st</sup> and no later than April 11, 2025.
- ◆ Notification process will begin on or before May 11, 2025.
- ◆ If name(s) appear anywhere other than the Personal Information Sheet the applicant will be disqualified.
- ◆ One applicant will be chosen and awarded a one-time \$1000 scholarship.

For more information about HILCO's scholarship program,  
call 800-338-6425



## PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET

Applications will not be accepted prior to April 1, 2025 or after April 11, 2025.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ HILCO

Electric Cooperative, Inc. Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to permit the review of this application and my school records by anyone representing HILCO Electric Cooperative, Inc. and its appointed Scholarship Review Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PLEASE MAIL TO Debbie  
Cole Trade Scholarship  
P.O. Box 127  
Itasca, Texas 76055

**Applications due April 1 – 11, 2025 By 5:00 PM**

**Part I – School Related**

Size of Graduating Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA (based on 4.0 scale): \_\_\_\_\_

GPA Certification (Counselor Name, Signature & Date):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Intended Major \_\_\_\_\_

College or University Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II – Family Information**

Father/Guardian Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III – Additional Financial Information**

Total Yearly Family Income:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 – 20,000       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,001 – 40,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,001 – 60,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,001 – 80,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$80,001 – 100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> over \$100,000    |

Is applicant currently employed? \_\_\_\_\_

Does applicant plan to work while attending college? \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated cost of fall & spring semesters at top two college choices:  
\_\_\_\_\_

List potential sources of financial aid or anticipated funding for your college tuition and supplies (family support, PELL Grant, student loan, scholarships, etc.) and indicate status:

Source	Amount	Pending	Approved
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list ages of any siblings. (PLEASE, NO NAMES): Example: Brother, 5.

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**Part IV – Extracurricular & Community Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary).** List any school-related or community activities and any special honors you have received:

Activity	Dates	Responsibilities
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List any academic awards you have received during your high school years and the date or year received:

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