



Debbie Cole Trade Scholarship 2026 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 1st and no later than April 13, 2026.
- ◆ Notification process will begin on or before May 11, 2026.
- ◆ 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, 2026 or after April 13, 2026.

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 – 13, 2026 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:

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

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:
