



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:

<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.

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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