



The City of Rock Hill and the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) have partnered to give \$1,000 merit-based scholarships to a high school senior planning to enroll in a full-time program of study at an institution of higher education.

Eligibility*

- Must be a high school senior having earned all basic credits for entering college or a proper vocational or technical school
- Must be planning full-time attendance at an accredited South Carolina university, college or technical college in the fall semester immediately following high school graduation
- Must have a minimum, **unweighted**, GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale, or an equivalent if using a non-traditional scale.
- Parents or guardians of student must have an active residential electric utility account with the City of Rock Hill

*Any applicant who has received a full-tuition scholarship to the school or his/her choice is **not eligible** for scholarship. Students with a parent or guardian who works for the City of Rock Hill are **not eligible**.

Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- An essay, written by applicant, of approximately 300 words describing how the Rock Hill community benefits from a city owned and operated electrical utility system
- An official school transcript from ninth grade through the first semester of senior year which includes courses taken, grades earned and class rank
- A completed Reference Form **by an adult not related to applicant. Reference cannot be a teacher, high school counselor or other adult from the school setting.**
- Applications can be submitted by hand, by postal service or my email. Hand delivery must be submitted **no later than Friday, May 23, 2025**, to Cameron Moore at the City's Operation's Center located at 757 S. Anderson Rd. Postal submissions must be postmarked **no later than Friday, May 23, 2025**, and addressed to Cameron Moore, Powerful Minds Scholarship, City of Rock Hill, PO Box 11706, Rock Hill SC 29731-1706. Email submissions must be sent **no later than Friday, May 23, 2025**, to Cameron Moore at Cameron.Moore@cityofrockhill.com.

Application Review and Scholarship Award Selection

- Powerful Minds scholarship recipients are chosen by a selection committee comprised of employees of the City of Rock Hill.
- Academic achievement and the written essay followed by school/community involvement are the criteria by which applicants will be judged.
- Applications are evaluated in a fair and unbiased judging process. To ensure the anonymity of applicants, all personal information is removed from application submissions and essay. Winners' names are known to judges only after the completion of the review and selection process.

Once Scholarship is Awarded

- **Scholarship recipient will be notified by Friday, June 13, 2025.**
- Once a scholarship recipient selects and enrolls in an accredited institution, funds will be paid directly to the school of



choice of the scholarship recipient.

- Funds must be used during the school year directly following the awarding of the grant.
- In the event a scholarship recipient is unable to fulfill the enrollment obligation, the award is forfeited, and an alternate will be selected.



Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name _____

High School _____

Principal's Name _____

High School Telephone Number _____

High School Address _____

Graduation Date _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

Other High Schools Attended and Dates

Activities - include any leadership positions held
Academic _____

Extra-Curricular _____

Community _____

Honors and Awards
Academic _____

Extra-Curricular _____

Community _____

Other Sources of Scholarship Applied for and Awarded

Job History

College(s) or Technical Schools Accepted by/Enrolled in

Applicant's Signature

Date



Reference Form

To be completed by adult not related to applicant and not an adult from school.

Name of Student _____

Name of Reference _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____

How do you know applicant? _____

How long have you known applicant? _____

Give specific examples of notable qualities. _

How does applicant stand out among peers? _____

Any additional information you feel is noteworthy? _____

Reference Signature

Date