

2020 WECA ESSAY CONTEST RULES

All Wisconsin high school students and college freshmen, whose primary residence is served by an electric cooperative, are eligible and strongly encouraged to enter the WECA ESSAY CONTEST. Scholarships are awarded as follows to the authors of the top three essays:

1st place – \$1,000

2nd place – \$500

3rd place – \$250

Scholarships are paid to winning students upon presentation of proof of registration at any accredited college, university, or technical school in any state.

CONTEST RULES

Choose one of the two questions below:

- Electric cooperatives offer various opportunities to young people, such as scholarships, job shadowing, electrical safety programs and sponsorships. What are some innovative ways your electric cooperative can connect with young people, especially with children and teens?
- We've grown accustomed to having electricity on demand in the world we live in such as clicking a remote control to turn on a TV, using a computer, playing video games, or charging our cell phones. Describe the impact on your life and community in a world without electricity.

1. Students are encouraged to use personal experiences to demonstrate their understanding of the value of cooperation in their lives.
 2. Knowledge of the subject, originality, grammar, spelling, and neatness will be factors used in judging essays.
 3. A panel of three judges will judge essays. Only essays postmarked by the due date will be eligible to win.
 4. Essays must be a minimum of 600 words and not more than 1,200 words (Approximately 2 to 4 typewritten pages).
 5. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, and on white letter-sized paper. Essays will be copied for distribution to the judges, so please be sure your essay will copy clearly.
 6. Students may win a WECA essay scholarship only once. If a student is awarded a scholarship the first year they enter, he or she may not enter the contest again.
 7. Scholarships must be claimed within 2 years of receiving your notification of scholarship selection.
 8. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.** Be sure to use an Essay Contest form.
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Essays must be mailed to:

**WECA Essay Contest
WECA
222 W. Washington Ave, Suite 680
Madison, WI 53703-2719**

**ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN August 26, 2020**

2020 WECA YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____
Please do NOT put your name on the essay. Put your name on this form ONLY

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PARENT / GURADIAN NAMES: _____

SPONSORING ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE: _____

EDUCATION INSTITUTION: _____
 High School College Freshman

YEAR IN SCHOOL (As of September 1, 2020): _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Mail this form, along with your essay, to:

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