



## **Cleco Corporate Holdings Education Fund Scholarship**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for a Cleco Corporate Holdings Education Scholarship, applicants must satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants must be residents of Louisiana and either a current employee of Cleco Corporate Holdings or one of its subsidiaries or a dependent child of a current employee of Cleco Corporate Holdings or one of its subsidiaries.
2. Applicants must meet the criteria defined in the applicable scholarship category listed on page two of this application.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. The Central Louisiana Community Foundation and Cleco Corporate Holdings will publicize the availability of the Cleco Corporate Holdings Education Fund Scholarship every year.
2. Applications for the Cleco Corporate Holdings Education Fund Scholarship will be accepted beginning on January 1 of each year, due on March 1, and recommendations for awards will be made by April 1. The Scholarship Advisory Committee expects to award at least two scholarships annually, but may elect not to award any scholarships in a particular year based on the scholarship funds available and the number of qualified applicants.
3. Based on funding availability and the applicant pool, the scholarships can be designated into four separate categories: 1) graduating high school seniors, 2) students currently enrolled in a college or university, 3) persons who are not currently enrolled in school but aspire to be or 4) technical/trade school aspirants or attendees. Applicants will be evaluated based on the selected scholarship category.
4. The Scholarship Advisory Committee will recommend scholarship recipients to the Board of Trustees of the Central Louisiana Community Foundation for final approval by its April meeting.
5. The announcement of the award winner(s) will be made following the final approval of the Board of Trustees of the Central Louisiana Community Foundation.

### **SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

The Scholarship Advisory Committee will consider the following factors for each of the Cleco Corporate Holdings Education Fund Scholarship categories.

1. Prior academic performance, as reflected by grade point average or class rank;
2. Performance on standardized aptitude tests such as the SAT and/or ACT;
3. Financial need;
4. Personal virtues and accomplishments as reflected in an essay submitted with the application;
5. Extracurricular activities, awards and recognition, special talents, and other noteworthy activities;
6. Recommendations from teachers and other persons who are not related to the candidate;
7. Community service;
8. Work history; and
9. Scholarship Category.

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### **CENTRAL LOUISIANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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### **SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES**

Cleco Corporate Holdings Education scholarships are offered to individuals who fall into one of four categories: (1) graduating high school seniors; (2) students currently enrolled in a college or university; (3) persons who are not currently enrolled in school but aspire to be; and (4) technical/trade school aspirants or attendees.

#### **GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must be a student who will graduate during the current school year from an accredited public, private or parochial high school (or equivalent) in Louisiana.
2. Applicant must be enrolling in a two- or four-year undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university, or be accepted for enrollment for the Fall Semester of the current calendar year.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must be a student who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in an accredited public or private college or university.
2. The student must have at least a "B" grade point average (3.0 on a 4.0 point scale).

#### **NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must not currently be enrolled in school.
2. Applicant must be enrolling in a two- or four-year undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university, or be accepted for enrollment for the Fall Semester of the current calendar year.

#### **TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applicant must be a student who will be enrolling or enrolled in an accredited trade or technical school.
2. The course of study must be approved by the Scholarship Advisory Committee.



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# APPLICATION COVER

*Applicant may use this or a similar form in applying.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cleco Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Select one of the following scholarship categories:

☐ Graduating Senior ☐ Continuing Education ☐ Non-traditional ☐ Technical/Trade School

College or Technical School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Status and Achievements:** Please indicate your current academic status, such as the particular program of study in which you are enrolled, progress toward completion, cumulative grade point average, and other indicators of the level of your academic achievement. Feel free to describe your high school achievements as well. *(250 words or less. Attached sheet(s), as necessary.)*

**Required Essay:** Please attach a personal essay that describes why you have chosen this particular program of study, what you hope to accomplish through your education and to what extent your education choices are affected by financial need. *(500 words or less.)*

**Attachments:** Please attach an official transcript from your current or last school, ACT scores, a resume, clippings, letters of recommendation or other documents you wish to include in support of your candidacy.

**Total package should not exceed 20 pages. Complete application must be received by March 1.**

**Certification:** By my signature, I certify to the best of my knowledge that all information contained in this application is true. My signature also indicates my willingness to be contacted at the telephone number or email address shown above to schedule a personal interview should I be chosen as a finalist.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver by March 1 via U.S. Mail or Email to: Central Louisiana Community Foundation, Attn: Cleco Corporate Holdings Education Fund Scholarship Advisory Committee, P. O. Box 66, Alexandria, Louisiana 71309 [cenlacf@clcf.net](mailto:cenlacf@clcf.net)

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