

# Denise A. Pless Creative Arts Scholarship

## Official Rules

- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. The scholarships are made possible by a grant from Norris Electric Cooperative.
- The applicant must be a high school senior and majoring in communications, visual art, music, creative writing, film, photography, art history or art restoration.
- Scholarships will be awarded to a student whose parents or legal guardians are members of Norris Electric Cooperative.
- Scholarship winners must begin undergraduate studies within a year of being notified they have been named the recipient of the scholarship.
- Scholarship winners are required to maintain full-time status (at least 12 credit hours per semester).
- Scholarships are for one year and are not renewable.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on the following:
  - Grade point average
  - Work and volunteer experience
  - Participation in school and community activities
  - A one-page essay describing how arts have positively influenced your life.
    - A sample of your work, which could include photographs, writing, videos, etc., is encouraged and can be emailed to [jbritton@norriselectric.com](mailto:jbritton@norriselectric.com)
- Deadline for receipt of completed applications is **February 1, 2025**.
- Scholarship winners will be notified by May 1, 2025.

**DENISE A. PLESS  
CREATIVE ARTS  
SCHOLARSHIP**



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name  Phone

Address  Email

City/State  Zipcode

Date of Birth

Names of Parents/Guardians

High School Attended

H.S. Grade Point Average (100 Point Scale)   
(e.g. if your school uses a 4 point scale, multiply your G.P.A. by 25;  
 if your school uses a 5 point scale, multiply your G.P.A. by 20)

Most Recent S.A.T. and/or ACT Score    
S.A.T. ACT

**WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

List all organizations with any positions held, for what time period and whether volunteer or for-pay.

Organization	Position	Time Period	Volunteer/Pay
1.	1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.	5.

**PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

List activities (both school and non-school) in which you have participated along with years of membership or participation.

Organization	No. of Years	Offices Held
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
5.	5.	5.
6.	6.	6.
7.	7.	7.
8.	8.	8.

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Use the space below describing how arts have positively influenced your life.

### STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN

We have examined this application, including accompanying submissions, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Signed

Date

*Applicant*

Signed

Date

*Parent or Guardian*

Portfolio submissions which include photographs, writing samples, videos, etc. is encouraged. Please send a copy to Norris Electric Cooperative, 8543 N State Hwy 130, Newton, IL 62448. Electronic submissions may be sent to Jenny Britton at [jbritton@norriselectric.com](mailto:jbritton@norriselectric.com)