

PIERCE PEPIN COOPERATIVE SERVICES

2023 Scholarship ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION

High school seniors are encouraged to enter the Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services (PPCS) Scholarship Essay Contest. The three top essays will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

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

Choose one of the questions below:

- 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. We have also become reliant on the internet for everyday use. Describe the impact on your life and community if electricity and/or internet access were not available. How would your life every day be different?
- Choose one or two forms of renewable energy (solar, wind, hydropower, biomass, or geothermal) and discuss the pros and cons related to that form of renewable energy. How should renewable energy information be shared with the public (be specific)? What does renewable energy mean for safe, reliable, and affordable energy? How will your future be impacted by renewable energy practices?

1. You must be a son/daughter (or under legal guardianship) of an **active member** of PPCS residing in the same household.
2. You must be entering your senior year of high school in the fall of 2023. Qualified students entering their last year of secondary school (home school) are also eligible.
3. Essays should be based on PPCS or electric industry information available at www.piercepepin.coop.
4. Use personal experiences to demonstrate your understanding of the value of cooperation in your life.
5. Your essay will be scored on knowledge of the subject, originality, grammar, spelling, and neatness.
6. Only essays postmarked by the due date will be reviewed by our panel of judges.
7. Essays must be a minimum of 600 words and should not be more than 1,200 words (approximately 2 to 4 typewritten pages).
8. Essays must be typed, double spaced and on white letter-sized paper. (Essays will need to be copied for distribution to the judges, so please be sure your essay will be copied clearly.)
9. Scholarships must be claimed within 2 years of receiving your notification of scholarship selection.
10. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.** Be sure to include an Essay Contest form.

Essays must be mailed to: Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services
ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 20, 2023