

**New Melle Chamber of Commerce  
Scholarship Procedure  
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**Program Outline:**

The New Melle Chamber of Commerce shall award four (4) \$2000 scholarships per school year unless otherwise determined by a vote of the membership. Payments shall be made directly to the school.

Both scholarships can be applied to any degree program at any accredited school: technical, vocational, college or university.

- The scholarship committee (consisting of the “President-Elect” and two additional members) will review applications, select and interview candidates, select recipients, and coordinate any presentation to the winners. (Scholarship committee members should be appointed at the January or February membership meeting.)
- The scholarships shall be non-renewable and be awarded for a term of one year only. Past recipients will be required to reapply, along with any new applicants.
- Eligibility requirements:
  1. Resident of New Melle Fire Protection District. (<https://newmellefire.org/district-map/>)
  2. Grade point average of at least 2.5 (high school and college).
  3. Must be enrolled as a full time student.
  4. Student must provide proof of enrollment. Checks to be issued to the school at the beginning of each semester.
- Review Process:

Applicants shall complete an application form similar to the example attached, and an essay explaining why they want the scholarship and how it will be used.

Consideration will be given to demonstrated leadership, initiative, teamwork and personal responsibility through participation in community service or other extracurricular activities.

Up to five finalists shall be personally interviewed by the scholarship committee before a final decision is made.