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Dear High School Senior:

Thanks for your interest in the Touchstone Energy Special Achievement Scholarship for High School Seniors. I'm pleased that you are exploring college opportunities. I hope we can help you fulfill your goal of attending college.

Union Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. will select one student as the nominee to the OREC competition. The winner of the URE nomination will receive \$750 each in addition to the opportunity to compete for the OREC scholarships. At the state level, our nominees will compete against nominees of other Ohio electric Cooperatives for four scholarships at \$1,630 each.

Enclosed are a copy of the rules for applying for this scholarship, a nomination form, and a copy of the booklet "Cooperatives – The Competitive Difference." You need to do the following:

- Complete your nomination form as described on the form and in the rules;
- Attach a letter or recommendation and a letter of nomination from two separate independent sponsors;
- Attach an official transcript from your high school, showing your first semester senior year grades, if possible;
- Read "The Cooperative Difference" and answer the essay questions; and
- Return your nomination form and answers to me at:

Union Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
15461 US Route 36
PO Box 393
Marysville, OH 43040

I need to receive your nomination form on or before 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 for you to be eligible. At that time, we will review all the applications and invite the finalists to speak before our local panel of judges. We will announce the Union Rural Electric Cooperative nominee after April 15. Competition for the OREC scholarship will take place in Columbus on April 27, 2010.

Best of luck with both your application and your college career!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sue", written over a light blue circular stamp.

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