



# Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative

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## Scholarship Submittal Requirements

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1. Complete this form by typing or printing (attach additional sheets if necessary).
  2. Enclose your most recent academic transcript whether it is from a high school, college, university, or trade school.
  3. Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.
  4. Complete the essay question in the application.
  5. Enclose a letter of reference from a teacher, counselor, or employer.
  6. Mail your complete application packet as directed below.
- **Send this application and all supporting documentation to:**

**Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 486  
Glidden IA 51443**

**All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative Selection Committee and Corn Belt Power Cooperative Selection Committee. Applications will not be considered unless the above-required information is completed.**

**Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative's Deadline for this Scholarship Program must be postmarked on or before **January 15, 2023.****

**Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative & Corn Belt Power Cooperative  
Scholarship Program Application**

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Information provided may be used for publicity purposes.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip

4. Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

5. High School name and address from which you graduated or will graduate this spring.  
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6. High School Achievements or honors. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Accredited school name and address you will be attending in the fall of the year. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What will your class status be in the fall of the year? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Major course of study. \_\_\_\_\_  
Minors \_\_\_\_\_

10. Career plans after school. \_\_\_\_\_

11. Current College address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
name of college

street city state zip

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form postmarked on or before January 15, 2023 to:**

**Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative  
PO Box 486  
Glidden IA 51443**

## Message from our General Manager/CEO

Basin Electric Power Cooperative takes great pride in its ability to assist in developing rural leadership in our region through our scholarship program.

The Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship Program is designed to recognize and encourage the achievements of the children of employees of the Cooperative and its subsidiaries, and children of member-cooperative employees and consumers.

The Scholarship Program is administered and conducted by the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Human Resources Division. Winners are selected by a scholarship selection committee.

Since the scholarship program began, more than 5,500 young people in the Basin Electric system have benefited from this program. I wish all applicants the best. We have high expectations for your success in the future.



Todd E. Telesz  
CEO / General Manager

Submit your application  
to your local  
electric cooperative.



# Scholarship Program

For further information contact:

**Your local electric cooperative**  
or

Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Human Resources  
Department

Attn: Karsen Little Soldier  
1717 East Interstate Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58503-0564  
klittlesoldier@bepc.com

(701) 557-5513





# Scholarship Program for Member Cooperatives

A program for dependent children of:

- Member-cooperative employees
- Member-cooperative consumers

## How much is the scholarship?

The Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC) Scholarship Program will award more than 185 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Five of the 25 scholarships for children of BEPC or subsidiary employees will be designated for qualified applicants who plan to attend a certified Vocational or Technical school, another five of the 25 will be designated for applicants who plan to achieve a Business Administration Degree or Accounting Degree, and an additional five of the 25 will be designated for qualified applicants who plan to achieve an engineering degree.

Twenty will go to children of member-cooperatives' employees, and 140 to children of member-cooperative consumers. There will be one \$1,000 scholarship for each member cooperative to award to a dependent of a consumer member.

The scholarships must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given. Checks will be made payable to the school, and will be distributed to the school by BEPC. Scholarships will be distributed in August.

## Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

Dependent children (including adopted or step-children) of member-system consumers and dependent children of member-cooperative

employees are eligible. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen.

The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

BEPC scholarships will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained.

## How are the recipients selected?

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of education and career goals, and an outside appraisal.

Applicants for the member-cooperative employee dependent category will first be screened by their cooperative. A BEPC selection committee will make the final selection in the member-cooperative employee dependent category.

Member cooperatives will be responsible to select one recipient to be awarded a scholarship in the member-cooperative consumer category. The final recipient's completed application will then be forwarded to BEPC by the member cooperative.

The scholarship award winners or the member co-ops are asked to notify the BEPC human resources division with the name and address of the school.

The student will be attending by July 1. It is also important to know if the student has switched schools, or has decided not to attend.

## What are the recipient's obligations?

Except for the requirements outlined in this brochure, no obligations will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship award winner. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligations or liability are assumed by BEPC, its subsidiaries or member cooperatives.

## How can I apply?

To apply, complete the required criteria and the scholarship application, which can be obtained from your local electric cooperative office.

Children of member-system employees and consumers must submit the application and all necessary information to apply for a scholarship to their local electric cooperative office.

The applications must reach your cooperative by the given deadline. Check with your electric cooperative for the deadline date.

## Member cooperative instructions

Each member cooperative will be responsible to forward one finalist to be considered for the member-cooperative employee dependent category.

Member cooperatives must have their finalist in the employee dependent category and their winner's application to BEPC by March 1, 2023.





# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION MEMBER COOPERATIVE

## Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Member Cooperative Scholarship Program

### Scholarship Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- ☐ 1. Complete this application (*attach additional sheets if necessary*). Your name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
- ☐ 2. Recent academic transcript whether it is from a high school, college, university, or trade school. **CURRENT COLLEGE FRESHMAN** - Judges will screen and require more than one semester or quarter of grades. If this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.
- ☐ 3. Copy of your college entrance examination (*ACT and/or SAT*) scores. (*College Freshman Only*)
- ☐ 4. **Essay** - What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?
- ☐ 5. Applicant appraisal.
- ☐ 6. Send this application and all supporting documentation to your member cooperative. (*Each member cooperative will be responsible for selecting finalists in these categories*).
  - Cooperative applications **MUST** be sent to the cooperative.

**Check with your local rural electric cooperative for deadline dates.**

Member cooperatives' must submit their finalists to Basin Electric Power Cooperative by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Basin Electric Power Cooperative or member cooperative selection committee.

### Applicant Information

Applicant Name:		Home Phone:	College Phone:	Last 4 Digits of SSN#:
Permanent Address (Street/PO Box):		City:	State:	Zip:
Mother's Name:		Father's Name:		
Student's Parent is:		<input type="checkbox"/> Member Cooperative Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Member Cooperative Consumer		
Cooperative System Name:				
Cooperative Location (City, State, Zip):				
High School Name and Address from which you graduate or will be graduating this spring:				
Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and/or Honors:				

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. **DO NOT** repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

### Work Experience

Describe your work experience (e.g. food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

### Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

### Education

**High School Seniors** - must include a transcript and complete this section.

**Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-tech schools** - must include college transcripts of grades. Completion of ACT and/or SAT tests is not necessary.

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Scores:

English: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Science: \_\_\_\_\_ Comp: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT I Scores:

Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_

### School

Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year:

Name	City	State

☐ 4-Yr. College or University

☐ 2-Yr. Community or Junior College

☐ Vocational-Technical School

What will your class status be this fall?

☐ Freshman

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

Major Course of Study:

Minors:

### Essay Question (Required)

As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, typed with a font size no smaller than 12 point, and double-spaced on 8 ½ X 11" size paper. Include your name on the top right-hand corner of the essay.

**What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?**

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

### Applicant Appraisal (Required)

**To the applicant:** This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

**To the adult appraiser:** You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to the applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. **A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.**

The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The quality of the applicants commitment to school and/or community is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks:	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderately Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Well
The applicant's respect for self and other is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Comments:

Appraiser's Name:

Title:

Organization:

Phone No.:

(Appraiser Signature)

(Date)