



\$2,500 MEMBER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Member Cooperative Scholarship Program

Scholarship Requirements: To be eligible, a student must be 1) a dependent of a member-owner whose primary residence receives electric service from Central Electric Cooperative; 2) enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited post-secondary institution; and 3) a U.S. citizen. Dependents of employees/board members not eligible.

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 from a high school, college, university, or trade school. Current college freshmen: judges will screen and require more than one semester or quarter of grades. If this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.
- ☐ 3. Essay - ***How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in and around your community?***
- ☐ 4. Applicant appraisal.
- ☐ 5. Send this application and all supporting documentation to your member cooperative.

**By Jan. 30, 2026, complete and return this application by email, mail, or in-person. Email: cec@centralec.coop
Mail or In-Person: Central Electric Cooperative, 25487 403rd Ave., PO Box 850, Mitchell, SD 57301**

Besides the \$2,500 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship winner, up to two students per county will be awarded a \$500 Central Electric District Scholarship which will be paid to the post-secondary school at the end of the first semester as a full-time student within one year.

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

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Last 4 Digits of SSN#:
Permanent Home Address:	City:	State:	Zip: Email:
Parent/Legal Guardian #1 Name:		Parent/Legal Guardian #2 Name:	
Cooperative System: Central Electric Cooperative, PO Box 850, Mitchell, SD 57301			
Home County: Aurora Brule Buffalo Davison Hanson Jerauld Miner Sanborn			
High School from which you graduated or will be graduating from this spring:			
Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and 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. Your name should be included on all attachments.

Work Experience

Describe your work experience (*examples: food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work*). Include 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 educational plans, career objectives, and long-term goals.

Education

High School Seniors - Attach your transcript and complete this section.
Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-tech schools – Attach college transcript.
Completion of ACT and/or SAT tests is not necessary.

GPA: _____

ACT Scores if Applicable:

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Comp: _____

SAT Scores if Applicable:

Verbal: _____ Math: _____

School

Name of accredited post-secondary school you plan to attend next fall:

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)

Students are required to compose and attach an original essay answering the question below. The essay should be no more than one page in length, double spaced, with a font size of 12 point.

How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?

(Applicant Signature)

(Date)

Applicant Appraisal (Required)

To the applicant: This section is to be completed by a high school teacher, academic advisor, instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well. It must be completed in the format provided. The appraiser should return the completed form to you, sealed or unsealed, to be submitted with your application.

To the adult appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of a scholarship application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to the applicant either visible or in a sealed envelope to be submitted with their application.

A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.

Student's Name: _____

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

Comments:

Appraiser's Name:	Title:	Organization:	Phone No.:
(Appraiser Signature)		(Date)	

Return completed appraisal to the student, sealed or unsealed, to be submitted with their application.