



Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship

How much is the Scholarship?

Central Electric Cooperative and the family of Jay Headley will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1000. The scholarship must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter an accredited four-year college or university in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given. The scholarship check will be made payable to the school, and will be distributed by Central Electric Cooperative.

Who is eligible to receive the Scholarship?

Dependant children of Central Electric Cooperative members who are pursuing a bachelor's degree in an agriculture-related field are eligible for this scholarship. The applicant's primary residence must receive electric service from Central Electric cooperative and the applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

The scholarship will not be awarded to the same recipient of the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship, however it will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained. Children of Central Electric Cooperative Employees or Board Members and previous winners of this scholarship are not eligible to apply.

How is the recipient selected?

The award is based on participation in school and community activities, work experience, SAT/ACT scores, grade point average, a statement by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals, and a written recommendation by a third party. In partnership with an external judge, Central Electric Cooperative will be responsible to select the recipient to be awarded a scholarship.

What are the recipient's obligations?

Except for the requirements outlined within this document, no obligations will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship recipient. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligations or liability are assumed by Central Electric Cooperative or the family of Jay Headley.

How Can I Apply?

Application forms can be obtained from the website www.centraleccoop.org or by calling 1-605-996-7516 or 1-800-477-2892. Applications must be returned by January 20, 2026, or they will not be considered.

Scholarship Submittal Requirements

1. Complete the application 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.
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. Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.
4. Enclose the applicant appraisal.
5. Mail your complete application packet to Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship, Central Electric Cooperative, PO Box 850, Mitchell SD 57301. Deadline is January 30, 2026.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by representatives of Central Electric Cooperative. Applications will not be considered unless the above required information is complete.

Please complete the form below.

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.

1. Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Last 4 digits of SS #:
2. Permanent (street) address:	(city)	(state)	(zip)
3. Mother or Guardian Name:	Father or Guardian Name:		

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4. High School **name and address** from which you graduated or will graduate from this spring:

5. **ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS, 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.

6. 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

7. GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS	Write a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.
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8. GPA _____

ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Comp _____ SAT I: Verbal _____ Math _____

High school seniors must include a transcript and complete this section.

Students currently or previously entered in college or vocational-tech school must include college transcript of grades. Completion of ACT and/or SAT scores is not necessary.

Information such as schooling, achievements, and career plans may be used for publicity purposes.

9. Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year:		
	City _____	State _____
	City _____	State _____
☐ 4-yr College or University ☐ 2-yr Community or Junior College ☐ Vocational-Technical School		
10. What will your class status be in the fall of the year? ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior		
11. Major course of study:		Minor(s):
Notes: (Optional)		
Student signature:		Date:

**JAY HEADLEY FAMILY
& CENTRAL ELECTRIC 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 should be on all attachments.
- ☐ 2. Recent academic transcript whether it be 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 if applicable.
- ☐ 4. Enclose the applicant appraisal or have the appraiser mail it to the address below.
- ☐ 5. Mail your completed application and attachments or scan and email to cec@centralec.coop.

**Central Electric Cooperative
Jay Headley Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 850
Mitchell SD 57301**

Annual Deadline – Applications must be received by January 30, 2026.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the selection committee.

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.			
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 applicant's 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 others is	☐ excellent	☐ good	☐ fair	☐ poor
Student's Name _____				
Comments _____				

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone _____				
Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____				

Complete and return to the student, sealed or unsealed, to be submitted with their application.

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