

SOUTHWEST IOWA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
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Dear Applicant:

We are happy that you are seeking one of our scholarships and urge you to return the required information as soon as possible. **The deadline is March 2, 2026**; but I would encourage you to submit the data sooner. For any additional scholarship applications you may need, please download applications from our website www.swiarec.coop.

The scholarship application package we require is as follows:

1. Completed application form (enclosed).
2. A letter of recommendation from **one** teacher.
3. A transcript of your high school grades. (Must include attendance record).
4. A personal letter stating your educational goals. This is extremely important to the Scholarship Committee. Please be sure to include the following criteria:
 - a. financial need (type of school and cost)
 - b. any special circumstances surrounding the application
 - c. describe your work experiences and future goals
 - d. a short statement on why electric cooperatives are important
5. A photo of yourself

Please limit the personal letter and statement on cooperatives to one typed page.

We wish you good luck in the scholarship competition and continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST IOWA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Suzy Olson

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Administrative Assistant

SOUTHWEST IOWA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. The recipient shall be a graduating high school senior in the application school year (August – May). There will be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.
2. The recipient shall be a student enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school. We will be giving 14 - \$500 scholarships and 3 - \$1000 lineman scholarships.
3. **The recipient of the \$500.00 scholarship shall be a U.S. citizen living in a home currently served by Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative (i.e., if a minor, his/her parents or guardians must be a member of Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative).** The recipient of the \$1,000.00 scholarship is open to ALL high school seniors and non-traditional students within Southwest Iowa REC's territory applying for Lineman school or any other electrical trades program.
4. All applications shall be completed in full and filed with the Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship Committee after applicants have completed three and one-half years, or the equivalent in hourly credits, of high school.
5. The applicant shall furnish a transcript showing three and one-half years of high school grades, or the equivalent in hourly credits. All transcripts must include attendance records. If your transcript does not include attendance records, please attach on a separate sheet. All transcripts shall be retained by the Scholarship Committee whether or not the applicant is granted a scholarship.
6. Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 2, 2026**. PLEASE NOTE: ***Incomplete applications will not be considered.***
7. Scholarship checks will be made jointly payable to the student and to the financial office of the educational institution to be endorsed by both parties. The Scholarship must be used for educational costs. **Checks will be issued at the beginning of the second semester after second-semester enrollment verification by the school registrar is received by Southwest Iowa REC.**
8. All information supplied by the applicants will be confidential.

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SOUTHWEST IOWA RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
\$500 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
\$1000 LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants Name _____ Age _____

Southwest Iowa REC served residence Account # _____

Please check which applying for: \$500 scholarship _____ Lineworker Scholarship _____

Parents/Guardians _____

Address _____

School _____

Name of Advisor or Counselor _____

His/Her Phone number at school _____

Non-student Email Address _____

School Organizations _____

Youth Groups _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Community Service _____

Hobbies/Job Experience _____

College/Technical School you plan to enroll and Major _____

Please attach a wallet size photo to application. Photo will be used for sole purpose of publication in cooperative's newsletter if selected for scholarship. Photos will not be returned. DEADLINE is March 2, 2026.

SOUTHWEST IOWA REC ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Southwest Iowa REC is expanding its scholarship program. We are continuing our commitment to community by announcing the availability of 17 scholarships. Students may apply for one of the following.

Fourteen \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors enrolled in a full-time associate's degree course of study or a full-time bachelor's degree course of study at an accredited college or university for the 2026-2027 school year.

Three \$1000 scholarships for graduating high school seniors or non-traditional students enrolled in an accredited **power-line school or any other electrical trades program** for the 2026-2027 school year.

Applicants must be an U.S. citizen living within Southwest Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative's service territory.

Applications are available at your area high school guidance counselor's office, at the REC offices in Corning, Mount Ayr, and Stanton, or by downloading applications on Southwest Iowa REC's website, www.swiarec.coop. **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 2, 2026.**