



\$2,500 In Scholarships To Be Awarded By Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative

Basin Electric Power Cooperative of Bismarck, North Dakota and Woodbury County REC in Menville, jointly announce a Scholarship program for 2009. Basin Electric will award **one - \$1,000** scholarship and Woodbury County REC will award **three - \$500** scholarships. To be eligible for the scholarships, a person must be attending a school of higher learning in the fall of 2009.

It is the wish of Basin Electric and Woodbury County REC to assist in developing rural leadership in our region by helping worthy students obtain a higher education. The Scholarship Program is designed to recognize and encourage these student academic achievements.

Who Is Eligible To Receive The Scholarships?

1. Either the applicant, or the applicant's parent or guardian, must be a member of Woodbury County REC and be receiving electric service from the REC at this time. Children of the members of the REC Board of Directors or children of Woodbury County REC employees are not eligible.
2. The applicant must be a student who will be enrolled in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2009.
3. All scholarships will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained.
4. The applicant must be a United States citizen.
5. Past Basin Electric or Woodbury County REC scholarship winners are not eligible.

How Do You Apply?

To apply, the completed scholarship application, and all required information, must be returned to the Woodbury County REC office in Menville on or before Monday, February 9, 2009. Applications sent by mail, which are received after the February 9th deadline,

will NOT be accepted regardless of the postmarked date. If you have any questions, you may call the REC office at (800)469-3125 or 873-3125 Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 4 PM.

How Are The Scholarship Recipients Selected?

Scholarship awards are based on academic and community service excellence, which includes the following criteria; grade-point average, work experience and participation in school and community activities. The applicant must also submit an essay explaining his or her educational and career goals.

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges to determine the winner. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail or email during the last week of February 2009.

How Are The Scholarships To Be Used?

The scholarships must be used for educational costs, and the student must be attending college or tech school in the fall of 2009.

Basin Electric will pay its \$1,000 scholarship directly to the school the winner will be attending. Woodbury County REC will pay its \$500 scholarships directly to the student.

What Are The Recipient's Obligations?

Scholarship winners will be asked to submit a photo of themselves which will be used for publication in the RECs monthly newsletter. No other obligation will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship award winner. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligation or liability is assumed by Basin Electric or Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative.



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 be from a high school, college, university, or vocational/technical school.

NOTE: If you are currently a college/tech school freshman, submit your high school transcript along with your present college grades. The judges will need more than one semester or quarter of grades to make a decision.

- 3. Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.
- 4. Enclose a short essay outlining your high school, college, or tech school honors, your community and school activities, your employment history and your future career goals.
- 5. Mail your completed application packet to:

Scholarship Program
Woodbury County REC
PO Box 566
Merville, IA 51039



The scholarship application deadline is **February 9, 2009**. Any application received after that date, regardless of the postmarked date, will **NOT** be accepted.