

# **WEST CENTRAL ELECTRIC OFFERS \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

## **What is the West Central Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program?**

The West Central Electric Cooperative Scholarship program is a program developed and designed to encourage and recognize the academic achievements of the children of West Central Electric Cooperative members.

This recognition will be in the form of scholarships to assist with their continuing education after high school. The scholarship program is also an investment in the economic future of our rural areas.

## **How may the scholarship be used?**

The West Central Electric Scholarship program will award scholarships to students of rural electric cooperative members in the five counties served by West Central Electric Cooperative.

The scholarships are for the 2026-2027 school year. The scholarships may be used for education costs, housing or educational materials. The student must enter College/Vocational School in the fall of the school year in which the scholarship is given.

## **Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?**

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen and the natural or adopted child of a member of West Central Electric Cooperative. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is enrolled or planning to enroll in full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.

## **How are the recipients selected?**

The scholarships are awarded on the following guidelines: work experience, participation in school and community activities, a statement explaining his/her educational and career goals, SAT/ACT scores, and a written recommendation by a third party (not someone associated with the education system). A short essay is also required. Applications without all the listed criteria will not be considered.

## **How can I apply?**

To apply, you must provide the required criteria and a completed scholarship application, which can be obtained from your local high school, at the West Central Electric Cooperative headquarters in Murdo, SD, or on our website at [www.wce.coop](http://www.wce.coop).

Applications should be returned to West Central Electric and must be received by **February 6, 2026** to be eligible. The applicant is responsible for submitting all the necessary information to apply for the scholarship.

For further information contact:

**West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
605-669-8100**

# WEST CENTRAL/BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## SCHOLARSHIP SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: **VOCATION FORM**

- ☐ 1. Complete this form by typing or printing, attach additional sheets if necessary.
- ☐ 2. Include an essay with a maximum of 500 words on the subject of: "What do you see as the biggest hurdle you have had to overcome growing up?"
- ☐ 3. Enclose a statement written by you outlining your education and career goals.
- ☐ 4. Enclose one letter of reference from an **employer, or member of the community (not school personnel)**.
- ☐ 5. Document high school and community activities.
- ☐ 6. Enclose a copy of your school attendance records.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will be viewed by the cooperative or cooperative selection committee. Applications will not be considered unless the above required information is complete.

Return completed form to:  
**West Central Electric Cooperative**  
**c/o Scholarship Program**  
**PO Box 17**  
**Murdo SD 57559-0017**

Or email [jessie.tucker@wce.coop](mailto:jessie.tucker@wce.coop)

Due Date: **February 6, 2026**

# WEST CENTRAL/BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name of student applying: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (PO Box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. I am receiving electrical energy from West Central Electric at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Account or Location Number)

4. Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

6. High School where you will graduate: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name and mailing address of accredited school you will be attending in the fall of 2026:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Are you a U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# WEST CENTRAL/BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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- ☐ 2. Include an essay with a maximum of 500 words on the subject of: "What do you see as the biggest hurdle you have had to overcome growing up?"
- ☐ 3. Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.
- ☐ 4. Enclose a statement written by you outlining your education and career goals.
- ☐ 5. Enclose one letter of reference from an **employer**, or **member of the community (not school personnel)**.
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