

SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of East-Central Iowa REC's commitment to our community, we are pleased to offer scholarships to area students who want to further their education.

Every year, ECI REC will award up to 10 students \$1,000 to continue their education in college in any field. ECI REC also offers up to two \$1,000 scholarships to those who have been accepted to attend the two-year Powerline Technology program at Northwest Iowa Community College.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, STUDENTS MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Have parents or legal guardians who are members of ECI REC.
- Graduate from high school during the spring the application is due (Powerline applicants may be out of high school as long as they or their parents or legal guardians are members of ECI REC).
- Plan to continue their education at a two- or four- year institution.

HOW TO APPLY: Starting each November, the application form will be available at ecirec.coop, from high school guidance counselors, or by emailing scholarships@ecirec.coop.

DEADLINE: Applications are taken starting each November and are due the first Wednesday of March of the following year.

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HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays

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POWERLINE PROGRAM

Every year, ECI REC offers up to two \$1,000 scholarships for those accepted to attend the Powerline Technology program at Northwest Iowa Community College. Powerline installers have excellent employment opportunities across the country, and those with formal training typically have higher starting salaries and greater advancement prospects.

THE PROGRAM

- Placement rates are almost 100%, with over 30% of students getting jobs before graduation.
- The average starting salary has been around \$22/hour.
- Class time is split about equally between classroom lecture and hands-on time outdoors on poles.
- Possible careers: line foreman, line superintendent, operations manager, office manager, sales associate, technician, or member service advisor.

REQUIREMENTS

- One year of high school algebra.
- Various physical requirements, such as the ability to lift at least 80 pounds, work in both extremely hot and cold weather, etc.
- Working in a team environment.
- Ascending and descending from various heights.
- Drug screening.

CAREERS IN COOPERATIVES

Graduates of a program like Powerline earn an Associate of Applied Science degree, which puts them in high demand by rural electric cooperatives like ECI REC.

At ECI REC, you'll join a dynamic work environment and an organization with strong values. The ECI REC mission statement says it all: "Building on the spirit of our founders, it is the mission of East-Central Iowa REC to continue adding value to the lives of our members and the communities we serve. We will remain rooted in our unwavering belief in the Cooperative principles, the family, the community, respect for the individual, and the power of teamwork."

PAST WINNERS

Since 2007, ECI REC has distributed over 190 scholarships of \$500 or \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors.

2021 Twelve \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, Dunkerton, East Buchanan, Independence, Jesup, North Linn, Starmont, Union, Vinton-Shellsburg, Wapsie Valley, and Xavier High Schools.

2020 Ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, North Linn, North Tama, Oelwein, Starmont, Union, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools.

2019 Ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, Dunkerton, East Buchanan, Independence, North Linn, Starmont, Union, Vinton-Shellsburg, and Wapsie Valley High Schools.

2018 Ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, North Linn, Oelwein, Starmont, Vinton-Shellsburg, and Wapsie Valley High Schools.

2017 Twelve \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, Jesup, Marion, Oelwein, Starmont, Union, Vinton-Shellsburg, and Wapsie Valley High Schools.

2016 Twelve \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, Oelwein, Starmont, Union, Vinton-Shellsburg, Wapsie Valley, and West Central High Schools.

2015 Ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, Oelwein, Starmont, Union, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools.

2014 Eleven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, East Buchanan, Independence, Starmont, Union, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools.



2013 Ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to students from Don Bosco, East Buchanan, Independence, Jesup, Oelwein, and Starmont High Schools.

2012 Ten \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools. One \$1,000 scholarship went to Scott Weber of Don Bosco High School.

2011 Ten \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from Belle Plaine, Benton Community, Independence, Starmont, Union, Vinton-Shellsburg, and Wapsie Valley High Schools.

2010 Ten \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, Independence, Starmont, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools.

2009 Twenty \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from Belle Plaine, Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, Dunkerton, East Buchanan, Independence, North Linn, Starmont, Union, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools. One \$1,000 scholarship went to Corbin Hopkins of Independence High School.

2008 Nineteen \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, Oelwein, Starmont, Union, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools. Two \$1,000 scholarships went to Daniel Eschen, Independence High School, and Jakob Cory, Vinton-Shellsburg High School.

2007 Nineteen \$500 scholarships were awarded to students from Benton Community, Center Point-Urbana, East Buchanan, Independence, Oelwein, Starmont, Union, and Vinton-Shellsburg High Schools. Two \$1,000 scholarships went to Jared Grover, East Buchanan High School, and Kyle Lorenz, Independence High School.