

Lavern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship

What is the Lavern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship?

This \$2000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL. It was awarded for the first time in 2011.

Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

One scholarship a year will be awarded to an individual who is the child of an electric cooperative member in Illinois; or is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in the State of Illinois; or is enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker's school; or has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard. The applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED at the time the scholarship is awarded. (Please see the "Lavern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship Official Rules & Regulations" sheet for all eligibility requirements.)

How are the recipients selected?

Scholarships are awarded based on an essay, a biographical statement, and references that will be submitted.

How does someone apply?

To apply, the applicant must meet the required criteria as outlined in the "Official Rules & Regulations" and complete the scholarship application available from the local electric cooperative office. Each applicant is responsible for submitting all information required to apply for a scholarship by April 30, 2023.

For information on the electrical distribution lineworker programs at Lincoln Land Community College, please contact:

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Official Rules & Regulations

One scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded each year.

Scholarship applicant must be:

- ❖ A child of an AIEC member electric cooperative member/consumer (who resides in Illinois and is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted); or
- ❖ A relative of an employee or director of an Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) member electric cooperative ("Relative" is defined as son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, niece, nephew, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, cousin, uncle or aunt); or
- ❖ A Veteran (defined broadly as someone who has served or is currently serving at the time of application in the active military, naval, or air service, or their Reserve components, including the National and Air National Guard, and was not dishonorably discharged); or
- ❖ A student enrolled in the electric distribution lineworker programs at Lincoln Land Community College.

Scholarship winner must begin the program within a year of receiving the award.

Scholarships are for one year and winners are allowed to reapply.

Scholarships will be awarded based on a short essay, biographical statement, and references.

Deadline for receipt of complete applications and submissions is April 30, 2023.

Scholarship winner will be notified early June 2023.

Winner is expected to be recognized at the McDonough Power Cooperative Annual Meeting with Mr. McEntire presenting the award (August or September).

Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant for tuition, fees and required equipment in attending Lincoln Land Community College Electrical Distribution Lineworker programs (Electrical Distribution Lineworker Maintenance Certificate; and Electrical Distribution Lineworker Associates in Applied Science).

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