



Electric Utility Worker Scholarship Application

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWEC) recognizes the importance of technical training for graduating high school seniors and educating youth about careers in their own communities. To encourage students to consider a career at an electric utility, and to create an incentive for trained electric utility workers to seek employment with electric cooperatives or other utilities, CWEC has established a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship has been established to assist a student pursuing a technical college education in an electric program that lends itself to employment in the electric utility industry.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any applicant enrolling in, or any applicant who can prove they are on a waiting list for the next open enrollment period, in an electric program that lends itself to the electric utility industry at a Wisconsin technical college.
- Applicant must be a resident of Marathon, Portage, Waupaca, or Shawano County.
- Preference will be given to CWEC members.
- Dependents of employees and directors are eligible to participate in this scholarship program.

APPLICATION - Applicant must complete the scholarship application and submit it, along with the school's description of the electric program, to CWEC by the application deadline.

SELECTION - The scholarship is administered by the CWEC Operation Round Up Trust Committee. The committee will evaluate all applications and essay responses. The selection criteria will be based on scholastic achievement, school and community involvement, work history, and essay submission.

NOTIFICATION - Scholarship recipients will receive notification from CWEC.

DISBURSEMENT

- The scholarship awarded shall be for \$1,000, payable in two payments as follows:
 - The first check in the amount of \$500 will be paid to the technical college after the recipient provides CWEC with registration documentation from the school.
 - The second check in the amount of \$500 will be paid to the technical college after the recipient provides CWEC with a copy of the student's official school transcript indicating that the student successfully completed the first semester with a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

OTHER

- The recipient must be enrolled in an electric program that lends itself to the electric utility industry to begin in the fall of the current year. In the event the program is full and the technical college of choice is maintaining a student waiting list, the recipient must provide proof in writing in order to hold funds for the next open enrollment period.
- The creation of this scholarship is a free act of CWEC. CWEC retains its right to alter, suspend, cancel or halt the Electric Utility Worker Scholarship program at any time and without giving any reason, provided that a scholarship winner, already enrolled at a technical college under the program, will continue to receive the stipends as awarded.
- If you have any questions about this scholarship, please contact Bert Lehman at bert.lehman@cwecoop.com or by phone at 715-677-2211.
- Application, school's description of the electric program, and response to essay questions must be mailed or emailed by Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On a separate sheet of paper please answer the questions listed below. Please type your responses and limit the answer to each question to half a page (300 words).

1. What are your reasons for pursuing a career in the electric utility industry?
2. Who, if anyone, has inspired you to pursue such a career?
3. Explain the role that rural electric cooperatives play in your community?

Return completed Application and Essay Questions to:

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative
Attn: Electric Utility Worker Scholarship Application
PO Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473

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1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Alternate Number _____

2. FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

CWEC Member Account # _____

3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School _____

Class Rank _____ Cumulative GPA _____

4. TECHNICAL COLLEGE you plan to attend: _____

5. WORK EXPERIENCE List any jobs (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years. List type of job held, dates of employment, and hours worked per week.

6. SCHOOL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

7. REFERENCES List two (2) personal references and their phone numbers. At least one should be outside the school.

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone Number _____

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Signature _____ Date _____