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CHIPPEWA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

The following application must be typed and submitted to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative by April 1st of the year in which the award is to be made.

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2026

ELIGIBILITY:

- The student will graduate during the 2025-2026 year from their local high school and is enrolled in a post-secondary program at a college/university or vocational school.
- The parents (or legal guardians) are members of the Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative and are currently receiving service.
- The student must display average or above average academic records.
- The family income will NOT be a deciding factor.

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:

- The number of scholarships awarded shall be based on the money available but shall not exceed \$1000.00 for each scholarship.
- An additional \$1,000.00 scholarship is available for one student from our partner, Dairyland Power Cooperative. No additional form needs to be completed to apply for this. Priority for this scholarship will be given to students furthering their education in the electrical power industry or in a trade.
- The applicant must complete the questionnaire on school activities, leadership positions, community involvement, awards and recognitions and write a 200-word essay on the value of cooperatives to a community.
- The applications will be reviewed by a special Scholarship Committee, and the scholarships will be awarded to the students at an honors ceremony or at graduation.
- We request a senior photo of the student be mailed in or emailed in with the application. The photo will be used to publicly share award recipients.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Each scholarship recipient will receive funds after proof of completion of the first semester and enrollment in the second semester of post-secondary education is submitted to Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative.
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Please include the category titles from the below left column with your submission.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

(15 points)

List all activities in which you have participated during high school. Include teams, clubs, musical groups, theater productions, etc. and the year of that activity.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

(15 points)

List elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community, or work activities in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others. Example: elected student body or club officer, team captain, newspaper editor, scouts, or 4-H.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

(15 points)

List community activities in which you have participated and the year of that activity. These are activities outside of school which benefited your community. Example: Scouts, 4-H or like groups, volunteer groups, community betterment, such as tree planting, clean-up, park development.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

(15 points)

List any honors or recognitions received during your school years which would support your appeal for recognition.

200 WORD ESSAY:

(25 points)

Please include an essay on what value you feel cooperatives bring to a community.

Cooperative Principles

- 1. Voluntary & Open Membership:** *Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.*
- 2. Democratic Member Control:** *Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. The elected representatives are accountable to the membership.*
- 3. Members' Economic Participation:** *Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative, possibly by setting up reserves, part of which at least would be indivisible; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.*
- 4. Autonomy & Independence:** *Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.*

5. **Education, Training, & Information:** *Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.*
6. **Cooperation Among Cooperatives:** *Cooperatives serve their members most effectively and strengthen the cooperative movement by working together through local, national, regional, and international structures.*
7. **Concern for Community:** *While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies accepted by their members.*

ACADEMIC RECORD:
(15 points)

Show academic performance up to the time of application by transcript or like document.

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DIRECTIONS:

- Type the application responses separating the various categories of activities according to the specified title (School Activities, Leadership Positions, etc.). Please include each category title with your submission.
- Applicant and parents (or guardians) must sign.
- We request a senior photo of the student be mailed in or emailed in with the application. The photo will be used to publicly share award recipients.
- Return the application to CVEC on or before the deadline.

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Application must be at the CVEC office on, or before, April 1.

Mailing address: CVEC, PO Box 575; Cornell, WI 54732

Email: cvec@cve.coop

Fax: 715.239.4290

**All applications received after the deadline date will not be eligible for review.*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

MALE _____ FEMALE _____

PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' SIGNATURES _____

Parents' or Guardians' Names (printed)

CVEC ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

PLANS POST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION _____

I certify that the information on this application is correct and that all work submitted by me during this competition is mine. I verify that information in this application can be used by Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative to publicly share award recipients.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____

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