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2021 Scholarship Rules & Instructions

1. The recipient shall be a graduating high school senior in the application school year (August-May). There will be no discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

2. The recipient shall be enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university, or vocation / technical school. Southwest Iowa REC will give 12 $500 scholarships and two $1,000 scholarships for any student attending Lineman College or other electrical trade programs.

3. For the $500 Scholarship the recipient shall be a U.S. citizen living in a home currently served by Southwest Iowa REC (i.e., if a minor, his/her parents or guardians must be a member of Southwest Iowa REC).

4. All applications shall be completed in full and filed with the Southwest Iowa REC Scholarship Committee after applicants have completed three and one-half years, or the equivalent in hourly credits, of high school.

5. The applicant shall furnish a transcript showing three and one-half years of high school grades, or the equivalent in hourly credits. All transcripts must include attendance record. If your transcript does not include attendance records, please attach on a separate sheet. All transcripts shall be retained by the Scholarship Committee whether or not the applicant receives a scholarship.

6. Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 2, 2021**. **PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

7. Scholarship checks will be made jointly payable to the student and to the financial office of the educational institution to be endorsed by both parties. The scholarship must be used for educational costs. Checks will be issued at the beginning of the second semester after second semester enrollment verification by the school registrar is received by Southwest Iowa REC.

8. All information supplied by the applicants will be confidential.

Applications may be mailed to Southwest Iowa REC at any of the following addresses:

P.O. Box 367
Corning, IA 50841

P.O. Box 391
Mount Ayr, IA 50854

P.O. Box 460
Stanton, IA 51573

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Scholarship Checklist

CHECKLIST

- ❑ Application completed in full
- ❑ A letter of recommendation from one teacher
- ❑ Transcript of high school grades
- ❑ A personal letter stating your educational goals. This is extremely important to the Scholarship Committee.
  Please limit your personal letter and statement on cooperatives to one typed page.

  Your letter must include:
  - Financial need (type of school and cost)
  - Any special circumstances surrounding the application
  - Description of your work experiences and future goals
  - A short statement on why electric cooperatives are important
- ❑ Wallet size photo of applicant. Scholarship recipients' photo will be used for the sole purpose of publication in the Southwest Iowa REC newsletter. Photos will not be returned.