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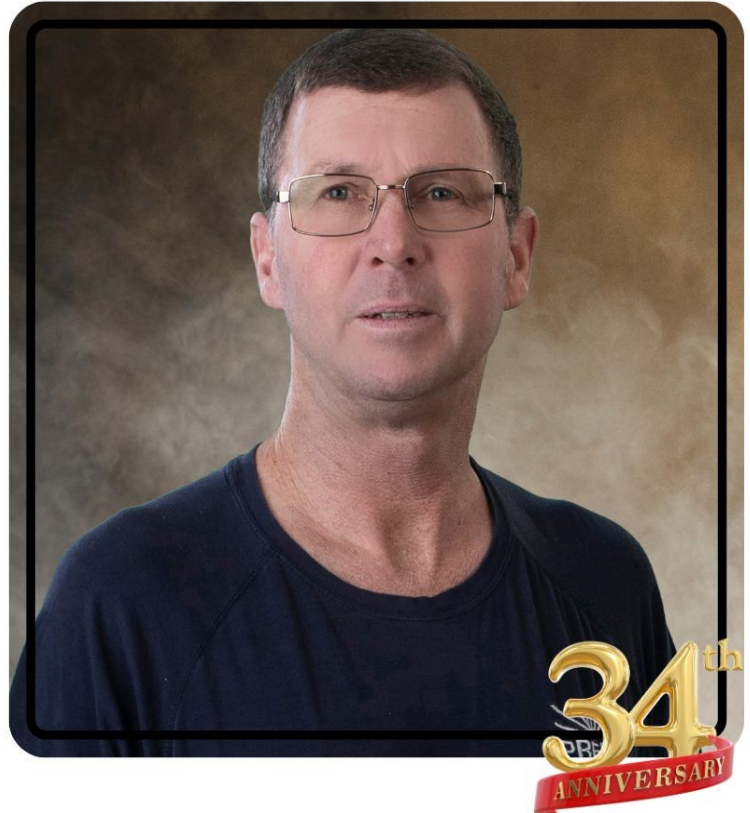
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**Basin Electric Power Cooperative
and Subsidiaries**
**Scholarship Program
Application – Member Cooperative**

Please complete the form below. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.

1. Name	Home Phone () - - -	College Phone () - - -	Last 4 digits of SS #:	
2. Permanent (street) address:	(city)	(state)	(zip) Email:	
3. Mother's Name:	Father's Name:			
4. Student's parent is: <input type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative employee <input type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative consumer				
5. Co-op System Name:				
Co-op City / State / Zip:				
6. High School name and address from which you graduated or will graduate this spring:				
7. ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS, OR HONORS	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>			
<p>Sending a resume' does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.</p>				
8. WORK EXPERIENCE	Describe your work experience (e.g. food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.			
	Employer/Position	From-Mo/Yr	To-Mo/Yr	Hours per Week
9. GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS	Write a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.			
10. GPA _____ ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Comp _____ SAT I: Verbal _____ Math _____ High school seniors must include a transcript and complete this section. Students currently or previously entered in college or vocational-tech school must include college transcript of grades. Completion of ACT and/or SAT scores is not necessary.				
11. Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year: <div style="text-align: right;">City _____ State _____</div> <div style="text-align: right;">City _____ State _____</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4-yr College or University <input type="checkbox"/> 2-yr Community or Junior College <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational-Technical School </div>				
12. What will your class status be this fall? <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior				
13. Major course of study:		Minors:		
14. ESSAY QUESTION (Required)	As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, typed with a font size no smaller than 12 point, and double spaced on 8½ x 11 paper. Include your name on the top right hand corner of the essay. <u>Student Essay Topic:</u> How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?			
Student signature: _____		Date: _____		

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)	To the Applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.			
	To the Adult Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.			
The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
Comments _____				

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone () _____				
Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____				

Scholarship Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- ☐ 1. Complete this application (attach additional sheets if necessary). Your name and address should be on all attachments.
- ☐ 2. Recent academic transcript whether it be from a high school, college, university, or trade school.
CURRENT COLLEGE FRESHMAN - Judges will screen and require more than one semester or quarter of grades. If this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.
- ☐ 3. Copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores. (Only college Freshmen)
- ☐ 4. **Essay- How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community? (Question #14)**
- ☐ 5. Applicant Appraisal.
- ☐ 6. Mail your complete application packet as directed below.

Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026

Please submit all applications to:

**PREMA
P.O. Box 677
Alliance, NE 69301**

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by PREMA, Chadron State College or the Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship committees. There are four scholarships available for qualified college sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students. Three scholarships are available to incoming college freshmen. One scholarship to any student attending Chadron State College as well as one scholarship available to a student planning to attend the WNCC Powerline Training School- this scholarship is awarded to either a consumer or an individual that resides within 60mi of Alliance or Hyannis. Repeat (if awarded last year) winners will only be considered if there are not enough non-repeat winners.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

PREMA WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH @ NOON AS WELL AS ALL DAY THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY & THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST FOR NEW YEARS



Deck the Halls SAFELY

- Use only lights, cords, animated displays, and decorations **rated for outdoor use.**
- When decorating outside, **look up and around** for power lines. **Never throw lights** or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- Keep ladders, equipment, and yourself **at least ten feet away** from power lines.
- Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs).**

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