PREMA
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

251 Brayton Road
P.O. Box 677
Alliance, NE 69301-0677

Phone: 308-762-1311
Fax: 308-762-5750
Email: prema@prema.coop

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

When applying for the scholarships that PREMA offers, please keep the following in mind:

1. Scholarship applications must be received in the PREMA office **no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, February 12, 2027** This is an absolute deadline and any applications received after this time will be discarded.

2. Parent or legal guardian must be a member or employee of PREMA. The PREMA member that is associated with an applicant must be a member in good standing (not delinquent).

3. Please answer all questions on the application form and provide all attachments that the application requires including:

   a. Recent academic transcript
   b. Copy of ACT or SAT scores (High School Senior only)
   c. Essay Question
   d. Applicant Appraisal (see page three of the application)

4. If you have any questions when applying for the scholarships, please feel free to contact Katie at the PREMA office at 762-1311 or 1-800-585-4837, and I will be happy to assist you.

5. The attached form that you are using to apply for scholarships has a Basin Electric logo, but it is the form that you will use to apply for **ALL** scholarships. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR APPLICATIONS TO BASIN ELECTRIC. ALL SCHOLARSHIPS MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE ALLIANCE PREMA OFFICE AT P.O. BOX 677, ALLIANCE, NE 69301.**

Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association
Board of Director Policy

603-PREMA/Tri-State/Basin Scholarship Program

Reviewed: June 9, 2009; February 18, 2014; August 22, 2017; September 27, 2021

Revised: September 27, 2021

Objective

The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance for post-secondary education to members, employees, children of employees, or children of members. This scholarship offering is part of our mission to participate in programs and activities which foster the well-being and economic development of the communities in the service area.

Accountability

Board of Directors, General Manager, Office Staff

Scope

The following scholarships are to go to any qualified college sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student:

PREMA	1-$1000 Scholarship
Tri-State	1-$500 Scholarship
Basin	1-$1000 Scholarship (members only)
*PREMA	1-$500 Chadron State College Scholarship

The following scholarships are to go to any qualified college freshman:

PREMA	2-$500 Scholarships
Tri-State	1-$500 Scholarship

The following scholarship is to go to any qualified college freshman:

**WNCC Powerline Training School	1-$1000 Scholarship

*There may be special procedures for this scholarship. See the PREMA office for details.

**If no applications are received from members, children of members, employees, or children of employees the scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who resides within a 60-mile radius of Alliance or Hyannis. If no applicant for this scholarship is received by PREMA the scholarship will be turned over to WNCC's scholarship committee to be awarded to a Powerline Training School applicant who meets WNCC's criteria.

Eligibility:

Except for Basin scholarship, members, employees, children of employees, or children of members are eligible. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled as a full-time graduate or undergraduate student at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. The PREMA member that is associated with an applicant must be a member in good standing (not delinquent).

Repeat (if awarded last year) winners will only be considered if there are not enough non-repeat winners. All scholarship funds must be used within four months of receipt or arrangements with the PREMA office must be made. If a scholarship is not used within the four-month period, the funds will be awarded to the alternate.

Procedure:
Applications must be submitted to PREMA using the appropriate application form. The PREMA Board of Directors may refuse to approve any or all such applications.

Criteria:
-Complete appropriate form by typing or printing (attach additional sheets if necessary).

-Enclose your most recent transcript whether it be from a high school, college, university, or trade school. Student must have a minimum of a 2.50 on a 4.00 scale for the preceding semester.

-Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.

-Enclose a short essay written by you outlining your high school/college honors; community and school activities; your employment history; and future career goals.

-Enclose one letter of reference from a teacher, counselor, employer, or system manager.

After these requirements are met then the applicants name will be drawn from a lottery of all eligible applicants. This lottery will be held at the county courthouse and the drawing will be done by the county clerk or other county official.

Approved by: _____ **Date:** 10/26/21

BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION MEMBER COOPERATIVE

Basin Electric Power Cooperative - Member Cooperative Scholarship Program

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. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
- ☐ 2. Recent academic transcript whether it is 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. ***(College Freshman Only)***
- ☐ 4. **Essay** - Rural electric cooperatives are owned by the members they serve and are guided by the cooperative principle "Concern for Community." Describe how you have demonstrated a commitment to serving your community and how you plan to make a positive impact in the future.
- ☐ 5. Applicant appraisal.
- ☐ 6. Send this application and all supporting documentation to your member cooperative. *(Each member cooperative will be responsible for selecting finalists in these categories)*.
  - Cooperative applications MUST be sent to the cooperative.

Check with your local rural electric cooperative for deadline dates.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Basin Electric Power Cooperative or member cooperative selection committee.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:			Cell Phone:	Birthdate:
Permanent Address *(Street/PO Box)*:	City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
Mother's Name:		Father's Name:		
Mother's Email:		Father's Email:		
Cooperative System Name:				
Cooperative Location *(City, State, Zip)*:				
High School Name and Address from which you graduate or will be graduating this spring:				

Information such as schooling, achievements, and career plans may be used for publicity purposes.

Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and/or Honors:

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.

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

Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

Education

High School Seniors - must include a transcript and complete this section.
Students currently or previously enrolled in college or vocational-tech schools - must include college transcripts of grades. Completion of ACT and/or SAT tests is not necessary.

GPA: _____

ACT Scores:

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Comp: _____

SAT I Scores:

Verbal: _____ Math: _____

School

Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year:

Name	City	State

☐ 4-Yr. College or University ☐ 2-Yr. Community or Junior College ☐ Vocational-Technical School

What will your class status be this fall? ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior

Major Course of Study:	Minors:

Information such as schooling, achievements, and career plans may be used for publicity purposes.

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 8 ½ X 11" size paper.

Rural electric cooperatives are owned by the members they serve and are guided by the cooperative principle "Concern for Community." Describe how you have demonstrated a commitment to serving your community and how you plan to make a positive impact in the future.

(Applicant 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 the 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:	☐ Extremely Appropriate	☐ Very Appropriate	☐ Moderately Appropriate	☐ Inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability:	☐ Extremely Well	☐ Very Well	☐ Moderately Well	☐ Not Well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Poor
The quality of the applicants commitment to school and/or community is:	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources:	☐ Extremely Well	☐ Very Well	☐ Moderately Well	☐ Not Well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative:	☐ Extremely Well	☐ Very Well	☐ Moderately Well	☐ Not Well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks:	☐ Extremely Well	☐ Very Well	☐ Moderately Well	☐ Not Well
The applicant's respect for self and other is:	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Poor
Comments:				

Appraiser's Name:	Title:	Organization:	Phone No.:
(Appraiser Signature)		*(Date)*	

Information such as schooling, achievements, and career plans may be used for publicity purposes.