



# PREMA

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Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association

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## PREMA Supports the WNCC Powerline School

In 2015, Panhandle Rural Electric (PREMA) Board of Directors pledged a donation of \$25,000 to WNCC to be paid in five annual installments. The final \$5,000 was paid in November. This donation added to the fundraising campaign called *WNCC Works: Expanding the Possibilities*. This investment was earmarked for expansion of the current WNCC Powerline School specifically, the construction of a building allowing for an indoor pole lab.

This expansion has given the students the venue to set poles, climb poles and excavate, all indoors. The new indoor facility has enhanced recruitment and training helping to meet the demand for powerline technicians.

PREMA has always been a strong advocate for the Powerline School. One of the ways Panhandle Rural Electric shows support is by hiring students after graduation; PREMA has employed seven powerline graduates since the inception of the program. PREMA also enhances the students' learning experience by hiring them for their apprenticeship requirements which allows students to have real-world experiences before graduation. Another way is by offering, annually, a \$1,000 scholarship for a person attending the 12-month Powerline Program.

According to General Manager, Ryan Reiber, "We want this program to grow and improve so that PREMA and the area utilities can have the best linemen serving their customers. It is wonderful to have opportunities like this, which encourages hometown youth to stay in the area."

Western Nebraska Community College

**Powerline Construction & Maintenance Technology**

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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:				
<b>7. ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS, OR HONORS</b>	_____ _____ _____			
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.				
<b>8. WORK EXPERIENCE</b>	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.			
	<b>Employer/Position</b>	<b>From-Mo/Yr</b>	<b>To-Mo/Yr</b>	<b>Hours per Week</b>
<b>9. GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS</b>	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:				
_____		City _____	State _____	
_____		City _____	State _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-yr College or University <input type="checkbox"/> 2-yr Community or Junior College <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational-Technical School				
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:		
<b>14. ESSAY QUESTION (Required)</b>	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>  <b>Describe how a cooperative can be economic engines for their local communities.</b>			
Student signature:		Date:		

<b>APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)</b>	<p><b>To the Applicant:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>To the Adult Appraiser:</b> 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.</p>			
	<p>The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate
<p>The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
<p>The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
<p>The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
<p>The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
<p>The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
<p>The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
<p>The applicant's respect for self and others is</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
<p>Comments _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>				
<p>Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone ( ) _____</p> <p>Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____</p>				

**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- Describe how cooperatives can be economic engines for their local communities.**
- 5. Applicant Appraisal.
- 6. Mail your complete application packet as directed below.

**Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020**  
**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, and there is one scholarship available to a student planning to attend the WNCC Powerline Training School.

Repeat (if awarded last year) winners will only be considered if there are not enough non-repeat winners.

# Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our office will be closed Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> so our employees can celebrate Christmas and New Year's Day with their families.



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