



Apply now for the 2017 Minnesota Valley/ Basin Electric Scholarship

Minnesota Valley R.E.C. has again joined Basin Electric Power Cooperative in sponsoring a scholarship in 2017. A total of \$2,000 in educational scholarships will be awarded to area students. All dependent children of Minnesota Valley Cooperative members meeting the qualifications are eligible

to apply. The scholarship program is designed to recognize and encourage the achievements, abilities and school/community involvement of students in Minnesota Valley's service territory. The cooperatives have developed the scholarships to help meet the college or technical college funding needs of more students in rural areas.

To qualify for the scholarship, an applicant must be the dependent child of a Minnesota Valley member and a U.S. citizen. Applicants must be students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or technical college in the 2017-2018 school year. Students in any year of post high school education are eligible. Previous scholarship winners are **not** eligible. Recipients will be chosen based on a combination of overall grades, achievements, participation in school and community activities, a personal statement of career goals, applicant appraisal form and the essay. A neutral group of Minnesota Valley members will review all applications and make a selection on a recipient(s). All post high school areas of study will be equally considered for the scholarship.

**Scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 school year
will be accepted until February 6, 2017,
and the winners will be determined by March 1, 2017.**



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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative consumer			
5. Co-op System Name: Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association				
Co-op City / State / Zip: Montevideo, MN 56265				
6. High School name and address from which you graduated or will graduate this spring:				
7. ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS, OR HONORS	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			
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.				
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.			
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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 in the fall of the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior				

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

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 size paper. Include your name on the top right hand corner of the essay.		
	<u>Student Essay Topic:</u> Describe how a strong and united cooperative community supports and serves your hometown.		
Student signature:		Date:	

Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Minnesota Valley Cooperative Light and Power Association

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.
- 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 Freshman.)
- 4. Essay – **Describe how a strong and united cooperative community supports and serves your hometown.**
- 5. Applicant Appraisal.
- 6. Mail your complete application packet as directed below:

Minnesota Valley REC
Attention: Jill Sand
P.O. Box 248
Montevideo, MN 56265

Applications will not be considered unless
the above required information is completed
and received in our office or postmarked by:

February 6, 2017

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Basin Electric Cooperative or Member Cooperative Selection Committees.

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			
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 _____				

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