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### **Powering your future - 17 scholarships, \$2,500 each**

At Tri-County Electric Cooperative, we believe that the key to a brighter future lies in empowering the next generation. That's why electric cooperatives across Illinois are committed to investing in our youth through scholarships that not only honor the legacy of our cooperative family but also fuel the dreams and goals of tomorrow's leaders.

The electric cooperatives of Illinois will award 17 scholarships, each worth \$2,500, to outstanding students from the electric cooperative family through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Illinois' electric cooperatives are constantly searching for ways to spark positive change in our communities. Supporting our youth through scholarship programs like this is one of the impactful ways we help shape tomorrow.

Here's a brief rundown of the scholarships available.

- Ten scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are Illinois electric co-op members, giving these students a bright start on their educational journey.
- The Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship is reserved for a student whose parent is an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director, honoring the legacy of service within our cooperative family.
- Five scholarships are dedicated to students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college, who are also children of an electric cooperative member in Illinois.
- The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship is designed for those

ready to light up the world by pursuing a career in linework and are enrolled or plan to enroll at Lincoln Land Community College's lineworker program. This scholarship supports students of co-op members, relatives of employees or directors, and those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! The general scholarship application deadline is Dec. 31, 2024, and the lineworker scholarship is due by April 30, 2025. For more information, reach out to Tri-County Electric Cooperative at 618-244-5151, or visit [tricountycoop.com/scholarships](https://tricountycoop.com/scholarships). Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors.

This is a great opportunity for the next wave of bright minds within our co-op community. These scholarships will help ensure that our future is powered by knowledge and a shared commitment to excellence. Let's light the way to a brighter tomorrow.