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Sixteen 2024 Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarships Available

Illinois electric cooperatives will award 16 scholarships in 2024 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 16 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Ten scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are an Illinois electric co-op member. In addition, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the child of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Five additional scholarships are reserved for high school seniors enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college whose parent(s) are an Illinois electric cooperative member, employee or director.

The 16th scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL. Children of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for this scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says General Manager, Luke Johnson. “Tri-County Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth and investing in them through programs like this one.”

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2023. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2024. For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Lynn Hutchison, Director of Member Services at 618-244-5151 or lhutchison@tricountycoop.com. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is available online at tricountycoop.com/scholarships.