



**West River Electric
Association, Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

“Powering You For A Brighter Future”

Scholarship Program Application



**BASIN ELECTRIC
POWER COOPERATIVE**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

West River Electric Essay Scholarship

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. COLLEGE FRESHMAN- Judges will screen and require more than 1 semester or quarter of grades. IF this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.
3. **Essay**-on a separate sheet of paper answer the following essay question: “*What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?*”
4. Send this application and all supporting documentation to West River Electric Association, 3250 E Hwy 44, Rapid City, SD 57703

You may also bring them to one of our service centers:

- Wall: 1200 W Fourth Ave
 - Rapid: 3250 E Hwy 44
5. Please submit a headshot portrait of yourself either attached here or emailed to amanda.haugen@westriver.coop or Christine.ritter@westriver.coop

Applications that are hand delivered must be in one of our offices no later than 5pm on Friday, January 30, 2026.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, January 30, 2026.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the West River Electric or Basic Electric Power Cooperative selection committee.

Applicant Information				
Applicant Name:		Home Phone:		Last 4 digits of SSN#:
Permanent Address (street/PO box):	City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
Parent(s) Name:				
Student's parent(s) is: <input type="checkbox"/> Member Cooperative Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Member Cooperative Consumer				
Cooperative System Name:				
Cooperative Location (city, state, zip):				
High school name and address from which you graduated or will be graduating from this spring:				
Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and/or honors?				

Education		
Recent academic transcript whether it is from a high school, college, university, or trade school. COLLEGE FRESHMAN- Judges will screen and require more than 1 semester or quarter of grades. IF this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.		
Current GPA:		
School		
Name and Address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of this year:		
Name:	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
What will your class status be this fall? <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior		

Major Course of Study:	Minors:
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Goals and Aspirations
<p>Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals:</p>

Essay Question (<i>Required</i>)	
<p>As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, size 12 Times New Roman font, and double-spaced. Please include your name and address in the top left-hand corner of the essay.</p>	
<p>How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?</p>	
<i>(Applicant Signature)</i>	<i>(Date)</i>