

Four \$500 college scholarships available

If you are a high school senior planning to attend college or are a student continuing an undergraduate education, you could win a scholarship from the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA). Four \$500 scholarships (one from each of the four districts in MECA) will be awarded to qualified students.

To qualify for the scholarships, the applicant must:

- Be a member of a Montana electric cooperative;
- Be a graduating high school senior with plans to attend a university or vocational technical school, or be an undergraduate college student;
- Attach a copy of their school transcripts, grade and ACT/SAT scores;
- List all activities in school and community, awards and/or honors received and a description of any other extracurricular activities and volunteer service in a résumé-style format;
- List all high school and/or college employment, including employer, position and hours worked weekly during the school year and/or the summer;
- Include a personal statement — write about how your school/community/work activities will influence your goals and career choice. This statement should be no more than two, double-spaced typed pages. Please do not use AI to write your personal statement. Statements may be run through an AI checker;
- Attach one letter of recommendation;
- Submit entries to his or her cooperative postmarked no later than March 6, 2026.

The criteria for scholarship judging includes: 20 percent – academic strength (as demonstrated by course, GPA and national testing scores); 20 percent – activities in school and community, awards and honors; 20 percent – employment, volunteerism and community service, and; 40 percent – personal statement.

Each cooperative will select one application to be forwarded to MECA for further judging. A MECA committee will choose the four scholarship recipients from the pool of finalists.

For an application or for more information, contact your local electric cooperative, or go online to www.mtco-ops.com.