



## Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship Program

### THE PROGRAM

Missouri River Energy Services (MRES<sup>®</sup>) has established a scholarship program to assist high school seniors residing in one of Missouri River Energy Services' municipal utilities services areas and students who are applying or already enrolled at pre-selected technical colleges and majoring in a Powerline/Lineman Program.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America<sup>®</sup>, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship Program must meet all criteria in one of two areas-

- High school seniors who reside in a household receiving electric service from a Missouri River Energy Services member utility. Residence eligibility may be clarified by calling the city utility office. Eligible high schools are designated by Missouri River Energy Services.
- Planning to enroll in a full-time\* undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school no later than the fall of 2017.

### OR

- Students who are applying or already enrolled at a pre-selected technical colleges majoring in a full-time\* Powerline/Line worker Program no later than fall of 2017. Applicants do not need to reside in a household receiving electrical service from a Missouri River Energy Services member utility.
- Eligible technical colleges include the following: Dakota County Technical College – Rosemount, MN; Minnesota State Community and Technical College – Wadena, MN Campus; Minnesota West Community and Technical College – Jackson, MN; Mitchell Technical Institute – Mitchell, SD; Northwest Iowa Community and Technical College – Sheldon, IA

*\*Full-time study is defined as full-time enrollment for the entire upcoming academic year.*

### AWARDS

Up to ten (10) \$1,000 awards may be granted.

Up to five (5) awards may be granted to high school students who reside in a Missouri River Energy Services service area. These awards may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance in a full-time course of study and continuation of the program by Missouri River Energy Services.

Up to five (5) awards may be granted to students applying or already enrolled in a Powerline/Line worker Program. These awards are one-time only and not renewable.

Students planning to train as an electrical line worker, electrical engineer or in a closely related field will be given preference, within reason.

All awards are for undergraduate study only.

## **APPLICATION**

Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 15**. Grade reports are not acceptable. Applicants are required to submit a statement about the benefits of their locally owned municipal electric utility.

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment email is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America.

## **SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS**

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, a brief statement about the benefits of their locally owned municipal electric utility, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal. Financial need is not considered.

Missouri River Energy Services expects scholarships will be presented to students pursuing courses of study for careers as an electrical technician (e.g., line worker, field service technician, wind turbine maintenance, power plant maintenance, etc.), electrical engineer and other engineer disciplines, mathematics, science, and energy management profession or in a closely related field.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship America. In no instance does any officer or employee of Missouri River Energy Services play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

## **PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of Missouri River Energy Services. Payment is made in one installment on August 1.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

Recipients have no obligation to Missouri River Energy Services. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

## **REVISIONS**

Missouri River Energy Services reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

### **Missouri River Energy Services Scholarship Program**

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