

MONTANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES' ASSOCIATION

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; **SUN RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**
- 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.**
 - Sun River Electric Cooperative, Inc. PO Box 309, Fairfield, MT. 59436
 - Contact Leanne if you have any questions. 406-467-2526 or leanne@sunriverelectric.coop

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.sunriverelectric.coop or www.mtco-ops.com.