

What is the Technical School Scholarship and Apprenticeship Program?

Butte Electric Cooperative will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1000 and provide an apprenticeship for 1000 hours. The scholarship check will be made payable to the school and will be distributed by Butte Electric Cooperative.

Who is eligible to receive the Scholarship and Apprenticeship?

Students residing in Butte, Lawrence, and Meade Counties are eligible to receive this scholarship. Butte Electric Cooperative will award a \$1000 scholarship and a 1000-hour apprenticeship to a student currently enrolled in or planning to attend a qualified program below:

- Electrical Utilities & Substation Technology
- Power Line Construction & Maintenance
- Utilities Technology-Power Line
- Electrical Construction & Maintenance
- Information Systems Technology
- Telecommunications

The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen. The scholarship will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained.

How is the recipient selected?

Applications are judged primarily based on work experience, community involvement, future plans, a letter of recommendation and a written essay. The Scholarship Committee that determines recipients includes three BEC Board Members and three BEC employees.

How Can I Apply?

1. Complete the application below (attach additional sheets if necessary). Please include name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
2. Submit an essay answering the following question: "How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?"
3. Request a Letter of Recommendation have it sent on your behalf to PO Box 137, Newell, SD 57760 or to butte@butteelectric.com
4. Send this application and all supporting documentation to Butte Electric Cooperative by April 1, 2026. Butte Electric Cooperative, PO Box 137, Newell, SD 57760

Please contact Angie Alexander at angie@butteelectric.com or (605)456-2494 or contact the Guidance Counselor at your school for more information.

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- Power Line Construction & Maintenance
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- Information Systems Technology
- Telecommunications

To be eligible you must:

- Student must be enrolled or planning to enroll in qualified program listed above at a vocational technical school
- Student must reside in Butte, Lawrence, or Meade County.

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. **Essay** - How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?
- ☐ 3. **Letter of Recommendation** – Please have a letter of recommendation sent on your behalf to PO Box 137, Newell, SD 57760 or to butte@butteelectric.com
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All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Butte Electric selection committee.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:		Home Phone:		College Phone:		Last 4 Digits of SSN#:			
Permanent Address (Street/PO Box):		City:		State:		Zip:		Email:	
Mother's Name:				Father's Name:					
Student's Parent:		<input type="checkbox"/> Butte Electric Cooperative Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Butte Electric Cooperative Consumer <input type="checkbox"/> Resides in Butte, Lawrence, or Meade County							
High School Name and Address from which you graduated or will be graduating this spring:									
Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and/or Honors (Attach additional sheets if necessary):									

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. **DO NOT** repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

Work Experience

Describe your work experience (*e.g. food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work*). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals. How do plan to use your goals and aspirations to impact your local community in the future? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Education

Butte Electric wishes to award scholarships to students based primarily on their community involvement, future plans, and ambitions. GPA and/or test scores are not the main assessment to win the Butte Electric Technical School Scholarship and Apprenticeship. Completion of ACT and/or SAT tests is not necessary.

GPA: _____

ACT Scores:

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Comp: _____

SAT I Scores:

Verbal: _____ Math: _____

School

Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the Fall:

Name	City	State

☐ 4-Yr. College or University

☐ 2-Yr. Community or Junior College

☐ Vocational-Technical School

What will your class status be this fall?

☐ Freshman

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

Major Course of Study:

Minors:

Essay Question (Required)	
As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, typed with a font size no smaller than 12 point, and double-spaced on 8 ½ X 11" size paper. Include your name on the top right-hand corner of the essay.	
How does the electricity provided by your electric cooperative improve the quality of life in your community?	
(Applicant Signature)	(Date)
Letter of Recommendation	
Butte Electric scholarships are awarded primarily based on leadership potential, community involvement, and plans for continuing academic success. Please address the applicant's personal characteristics which you feel contribute to the student's application. Also state how long have you known the applicant and in what capacity. Please send the letter of recommendation <i>directly</i> to PO Box 137, Newell, SD 57760 or via email to butte@butteelectric.com by April 1, 2026 .	