

SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP

2012 Scholarship Information/ Application

Application Deadline: February 2, 2012

Thank you for considering applying for a San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship. This year SLVREC is able to offer 12 scholarships for interested future students in applying. We strongly encourage you to apply for ALL of the scholarships that are available which meet your career goals. Good luck in this application process and your future goals!

All applications must be received in the office no later than close of business on **Thursday, February 2nd**. Please return application to San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 3625, and Monte Vista, CO 81144. You can also drop them off at the headquarters office located at 3625 US Highway 160 W. We are approximately 3 miles west of the town of Monte Vista.

For further information please contact Cheryl Jones at 719-852-3538 or email at cjones@slvrec.com

Graduation Graduation Graduation

All applications must be received at SLVREC's headquarters' office no later than 5:00 p.m. February 2, 2012.

Please read each application criteria carefully. **Your application must include the Application Requirements page indicating the scholarships for which you wish to be considered.** Additionally, your application must include the required attachments and appropriate essays for each of the scholarships you are applying for.

Please make as many copies of the material included in this packet as you need. Additional packets can be obtained from San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative or visit www.slvrec.com to download an application.

Summary of Available Scholarships

SLVREC's Electric Lineman Scholarship

One scholarship is available and can be used at any accredited lineman school.

The value of this scholarship is \$4,000 and is distributed in two equal installments of \$2,000: one at the beginning of the fall semester and one at the beginning of the spring semester. This scholarship can be used to cover tuition costs, required textbooks or minimal basic tools for the electrical line worker program. The recipient must attend full-time and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher. The recipient will need to purchase boots, required tools and climbing gear. Please inquire at the school if they have a tool purchase program.

SLVREC's Adams State College 4-year Scholarship

This scholarship is renewable for up to a maximum of four years. The value of the scholarship will equal the total of in-state tuition, some fees and a book allowance for the award year with one-half awarded at the beginning of each semester.

The scholarship recipient should carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester (15 credit hours encouraged) and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) or higher.

Robert Wolfe Scholarship

The recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,000 from SLVREC. This scholarship was established primarily for students furthering their education in the **agricultural or engineering fields** and can be used at *any* trade school or college.

SLVREC Past Director Scholarship

The recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,000 from SLVREC. This scholarship can be used toward furthering education at *any* trade school or college.

SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard Scholarship

The recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,000 from SLVREC. This scholarship can be used toward furthering education at *any* trade school or college.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarships

The recipient will receive a one-time award of \$1,000. The scholarship must be used for educational costs and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given. BEPC will pay the scholarship in two equal installments: the first installment in May and the second installment in December.

The recipient must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

Dependents of employees and directors of SLVREC are eligible for this scholarship.

Tri-State Scholarships

Six separate recipients will each receive a one-time award of \$500. Two of the scholarships will be provided by Tri-State Generation and Transmission and four will be provided jointly by Tri-State G&T and SLVREC. Students may enroll in any post-secondary accredited institution having at least a one-year degree program to be eligible for this award. The recipient must register as a full-time student in an accredited university, college, or vocational/technical school of their choice.

Dependents of employees and directors of SLVREC are eligible for one of these scholarships.

Selection Criteria

For all scholarships, awards are based upon the following criteria: SAT/ACT scores, grade-point average, work experience, participation in school activities and community service, a statement by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals and a written recommendation by a third party.

General Eligibility Requirements

- The student or the student's parents or legal guardian must be an active member who receives electric service from San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative. If the service is listed under a farm or business name, please provide that name.
- Unless stated otherwise for a specific scholarship, the student must be graduating from a local area high school (or equivalent) and the student must be entering college or vocational school as a freshman.
- If funding is available, Adams State College sophomores, juniors or seniors may be considered for the Adams State College Scholarship.
- Dependents of SLVREC board members and employees are only eligible for one Tri-State and the Basin scholarships specifically identified for dependents.

***All scholarships awarded must be used the same year they are granted. ***

Electric Lineworker Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

SLVREC's Lineworker scholarships will provide the required training for the recipient to become an apprentice lineman or electric lineworker. SLVREC will pay the selected student's tuition and the balance can be used for required tools and climbing gear.

- The applicant must be at least 18 years old.
- The student must enroll in the program full-time.
- Although first consideration will be given to graduating high school seniors, this scholarship is open to all individuals. Applicants need not be recent high school graduates.
- The student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 each semester.
- More information on suggested course sequencing and program requirements can be obtained from www.mesastate.edu or by calling 888-455-2617 in Grand Junction or www.trinidadstate.edu or by calling 719-846-5650 in Trinidad.
- Applicants will be rated on grade point average (GPA), ACT/SAT scores, school and community activities, achievements, and overall goals in the electric industry.

Adams State College 4-Year Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the criteria listed above, students wishing to compete for the SLVREC-sponsored 4-year tuition, books and fees scholarship to Adams State College must also:

- Pursue a major in a degree program offered at Adams State College.
- Register as a full-time student at Adams State College. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be completed each semester; although, a 15 credit hour load is encouraged. The recipient must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better.
- Mail a copy of their ASC transcript to the SLVREC Scholarship Committee at the end of each semester to renew the scholarship.
- The recipient may renew the scholarship for up to a maximum of four consecutive years of study as long as the minimum GPA, class load criteria and career goals are maintained.
- Applicants must be incoming freshman who graduated from high school in the counties SLVREC serves: Alamosa County, Costilla County, Conejos County, Hinsdale County, Mineral County, Rio Grande County or Saguache County. Adams State College sophomores, juniors or seniors may be considered for scholarship, if all other applications do not meet general criteria requirements and they meet all other previously mentioned criteria.
- A student who is unable to attend school as planned, may request a postponement in their scholarship funding by mailing a letter of explanation to the Scholarship Committee for review. A request in a scholarship deferral does not guarantee it will be granted. Each request will be handled on an individual basis.
- Relatives of board members and employees of SLVREC are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Applicants will be rated on grade point average (GPA), ACT/SAT scores, school and community activities, achievements and overall goals.

Application Instructions

1. On the Application Requirements page, check the boxes indicating which scholarships you would like to apply for. You do *not* need to complete separate applications for each scholarship.
2. Complete the Scholarship Application form. Only one copy of this form needs to be completed.
3. Attach one copy of each of your:
 - Certified High School Transcript (or equivalent with respect to home study).
 - SAT and/or ACT scores.
 - Rank in and size of high school class.
 - Summary of employment history.
 - List of extra curricular activities.
 - One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer.
4. Write an essay as described on the Application Requirements page. Indicate at the top of your essay your name and the scholarships for which you would like this essay to address. For example, you may choose to write one essay for the Adams State 4-year scholarship, the Past Director Scholarship and the Robert Wolfe Scholarship and a second essay for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship and the Tri-State/SLVREC scholarships.
5. Complete the Eligibility Affidavit and attach it to your application.




All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the selection committee. Excerpts from essays may be used on SLVREC's web site and in the SLVREC's newsletter. **Applications must include all required information to be considered.** Digital copies of the application forms are available online at www.slvrec.com.



Applicant's Name: _____ (please print clearly)

Application Requirements

Check the boxes on the left to indicate whether you are interested in the Electric Line worker, 4-year Adam State College, or the Robert Wolfe (a career in rural agricultural or engineering field) Scholarships. Please review the eligibility requirements on pages 2 & 3 to ensure you are eligible for the scholarships you indicate.

IMPORTANT: Unless you are applying for the above mentioned scholarships, you will be eligible for the remaining \$500 or \$1,000 scholarships and automatically entered into those categories.

Sponsor	Scholarship	Application Requirements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	Electric Lineworker Scholarship (one scholarship available)	Substitute GED, community college or college transcripts for high school transcripts if appropriate. Essay: Describe why you are interested in pursuing a career as an electric lineworker (two pages maximum).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	Adams State College 4-Year Scholarship (one scholarship available)	Essay: Outline your high school/college honors, community and school activities, your employment history and future career goals.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	Robert Wolfe Scholarship (one scholarship available)	Essay: Outline your high school/college honors, community and school activities, your employment history and future career goals and how these goals might directly relate to a career in rural agricultural or an engineering field. (Two pages maximum).

 <p>SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP</p>	<p>Past Director Scholarship (one scholarship available)</p>	<p>Essay: Outline your high school/ college honors, community and school activities, your employment history and future career goals.</p>
 <p>SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC CO-OP</p>	<p>SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard Scholarship (one scholarship available)</p>	<p>Essay: Outline your high school/ college honors, community and school activities, your employment history and future career goals.</p>
	<p>Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Subsidiaries (one scholarship available for members, one scholarship available for dependents of SLVREC employees)</p>	<p>Essay: Outline your high school/ college honors, community and school activities, your employment history and future career goals.</p>
	<p>Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (six scholarships available: two of these are sponsored by Tri-State, four of these are jointly sponsored by Tri-State and SLVREC)</p>	<p>Essay: Outline your high school/ college honors, community and school activities, your employment history and future career goals.</p>

Scholarship Application Form

Please complete the form below.
Information provided in #9-12 may be used for publicity purposes.

1. Name:		Home Phone: ()		
2. Name of College:		College Phone: ()		
3. Permanent Address: (Street)		(City)	(State)	(Zip)
4. Mother's Name:		Father's Name:		
5. Student's parent is: a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC) or subsidiary employee (complete numbers 6 through 12 below) b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLVREC employee (complete numbers 7 through 12 below) c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLVREC member (complete numbers 7 through 12 below)				
6. BEPC or subsidiary employee/parent work location:				
7. Co-op System Name: San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.				
8. Co-op City / State / Zip: Monte Vista, CO 81144				
9a. High school name & address from which you graduated or will graduate this spring:		9b. High school <i>cumulative</i> GPA:		
9b. High school achievement, honors, or awards: (Can be typed on separate attached page)				
10. Accredited school name and address you will be attending in the fall of the year:				

11. What will your class status be in the fall of the year:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate student				
11a. Major course of study:			11b. Minors:	
11c. Career plans after school:				
12. Current (College) address, if applicable	(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
13. Are you a United States citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Student Signature:			Date:	
Parent Signature:			Date:	

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Eligibility Affidavit

I, _____, hereby certify that I intend to enroll
(Print name of student)

(or have enrolled) in _____

and plan to start in the Fall of _____. (year)
(Please attach a copy of proof of enrollment if you already have enrolled.)

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

I/we hereby certify that we are members of San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative at the present time.

Location of electric service or account number of service or meter number at service:

Phone number at service address:

Signature of Member/Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Name of Member/Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Member/Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Name of Member/Parent/Guardian _____

Please attach proof of residence (bank statement, driver's license, copy of rental agreement or similar documentation) if the applicant is over 18 and is not a direct member of SLVREC but lives in a household served by SLVREC.