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2027 Scholarship Information & Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for interest in applying for a San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship. SLVREC offers eight scholarships for interested high school seniors. The deadline for applying is February 1, 2027.

See specific scholarship information attached. **Please check the applicable scholarships you're applying for on the application form.**

We will notify you by March 25, 2027 on the status of your scholarship application. Applications that are not filled out correctly will NOT be accepted. Digital copies of this form are available online at www.slvrec.com.

If you have specific questions, feel free to contact me at 719-852-6660 or email jalonzo@slvrec.com. Good luck in this application process and your future goals!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Alonzo

Marketing & Sales Coordinator

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Application Deadline

Please mail your completed application to San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 3625, Monte Vista, CO 81144. You may also drop it off at our office located at 3625 US Hwy 160 W, approximately three miles west of Monte Vista or email to jalonzo@slvrec.com. ***All applications must be received in the office no later than 5 p.m. on February 1, 2027.***

Please read each application criteria carefully. Your application must include the required attachments and appropriate essay with a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer with a signature. Applications that are not filled out correctly with all of the listed requirements will not be considered.

General Eligibility Requirements

• The student or the student's parents or legal guardian must be an active member* who receives electric service from SLVREC. If the service is listed under a farm or business name, please provide that name. Applicant's parents/legal guardian must be owners of the property. (Additional information may be requested to verify membership.)

> **The Martin Christensen Memorial Lineworker Scholarship and the James & Thomas Magness Scholarship are open to non-members as well.*

• 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 University sophomores, juniors or seniors may be considered for the Adams State University Scholarship.

• Dependents of SLVREC board members and employees are only eligible for the *Martin Christensen Memorial Lineworker Scholarship* and the *Basin Scholarship specifically identified for dependents*.

• Applicants will be rated on grade point average (GPA), SAT/ACT score, school and community activities, achievements and an essay stating his/her career goals (two pages maximum). Lineworker applicants' rating system varies slightly.

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

Scholarships Available

Martin Christensen Memorial Lineworker Scholarship, $5,500

This scholarship is to be used at **any accredited Lineworker School.**

The value of this scholarship is $5,500 and is distributed in a one-time payment at the beginning of the school year. This scholarship is to cover tuition costs; the balance can be used for required textbooks or climbing gear/basic tools for the electrical lineworker program. The recipient will be responsible for other associated costs: boots, required tools and climbing gear. Please inquire at the school if they have a tool purchase program. Receiving this scholarship does not automatically guarantee hiring from SLVREC.

You do not need to be a member of SLVREC to apply, but members may receive additional consideration.

Eligibility Requirements

SLVREC's lineworker scholarship will help cover the cost of training for the recipient to become an apprentice lineworker or electric lineworker.

- The student must enroll in the program full-time and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Although first consideration will be given to graduating high school seniors, this scholarship is open to all individuals.
- More information on suggested course sequencing and program requirements can be obtained from www.coloradomesa.edu or by calling 1-800-982-6372 in Grand Junction or www.trinidadstate.edu or by calling 1-800-621-TSJC in Trinidad.
- Applicants for the lineworker scholarship may be asked to participate in an interview with the SLVREC Board of Directors.

SLVREC's Adams State University Four-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, college service fees and a $700 book allowance for the award year with one-half awarded at the beginning of each semester. (Total value awarded will equal four years of undergraduate tuition.)

Eligibility Requirements:

In addition to the general eligibility requirements, students wishing to compete for the Four-Year Scholarship to Adams State University must also:

- Pursue a major in a degree program offered **at ASU**
- Register as a full-time student at ASU and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better. A minimum of 12 credit hours must be completed each semester; although a 15-credit hour load is encouraged.
- At the end of each semester, the recipient must mail a copy of his/her transcript to SLVREC 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.
- Applicant must be an incoming freshman who graduated from high school or equivalent in the counties SLVREC serves: Alamosa, Costilla, Conejos, Hinsdale, Mineral, Rio Grande or Saguache.
- ASU sophomores, juniors or seniors may be considered for a scholarship if all other applications do not meet general criteria requirements and they meet all other previously mentioned criteria.

Robert Wolfe Scholarship, $4,000

The recipient will receive a one-time award of $4,000 from SLVREC & the Robert Wolfe family. This scholarship was established for students furthering their education in an **agricultural or engineering field** and may be used at ***any*** trade school, college or university. However, if there are no students majoring in agriculture or an engineering field, it will then go to another applicant.

Michael Rierson Scholarship, $4,000

The recipient will receive a one-time award of $4,000 from SLVREC & the Michael Rierson family. This scholarship may be used toward furthering education at **any** trade school, college or university.

James & Thomas Magness Scholarship, $4,000

The recipient will receive a one-time award of $4,000 from SLVREC & the James and Thomas Magness family. This scholarship was established for students furthering their education in an **electrical field (electrician; electrical-contractor, engineering or lineman; communications tech, etc.)** at ***any*** trade school, college or university. However, if there are no students majoring in an electrical field, it will then go to another applicant in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) field.

*****You do not need to be a member of SLVREC to apply, but members may receive additional consideration.*****

SLVREC Past Director/Tri-State Scholarship, $2,500

The recipient will receive a one-time award of $2,000 from SLVREC and $500 from Tri-State. This scholarship may be used toward furthering education at **any** trade school, college or university.

SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard/Tri-State Scholarship, $2,500

The recipient will receive a one-time award of $2,000 from SLVREC and $500 from Tri-State. This scholarship may be used toward furthering education at **any** trade school, college or university.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship, $1,000

Dependent children (including adopted or step-children) of member-cooperative (SLVREC) employees and dependent children of member-cooperative (SLVREC) members are eligible. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school. Basin Electric scholarships will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained. See full requirements and details online at slvrec.com/scholarships or on Basin's website.

You MUST complete the Basin Scholarship application on their website for this scholarship:
https://www.basinelectric.com/about-us/social-responsibility/scholarship-program

If you change schools after you are awarded the scholarship you must contact our office so the scholarship is distributed to the proper school!

Application Instructions

1. Complete the Scholarship Application form. Only one copy of this form needs to be completed.

2. Attach the following:
_____High School Transcript (or equivalent with respect to home study)
_____SAT and/or ACT scores
_____List of school and community activities (include employment history, if applicable)
_____One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer
_____Essay (see below)

3. Include a *maximum* two-page essay giving a brief history and what your future career goals and desires are.

4. ***REC members*** must complete the Membership Information form (below) 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 website and in 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.

SLVREC Membership Information*

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 _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

*Applicants of the Martin Christensen Memorial Lineworker Scholarship and the James & Thomas Magness Scholarship do ***NOT*** need to be SLVREC members.

Scholarship Application Form

Please complete the form below.

Information provided in #8c-12 may be used for publicity purposes

Scholarships applying for: **(check (√) all that apply; please see scholarships and requirements on previous pages)**

Lineworker ASU 4-Year Robert Wolfe Michael Rierson Magness
Past Director Villyard Basin (must complete Basin application as well)

1. Name		2. Cell Phone Parent's Cell Phone	
3. Mailing Address		City	State Zip
4. Email Address (keep in mind your school email address may be inactive after graduation)			
5a. Mother's Name	5b. Father's Name		
6. Student's parent is: (check (√) one) SLV REC member SLV REC employee/BOD Neither			
7. Co-op System Name **San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.**			
7a. Co-op City / State / Zip **Monte Vista, CO 81144**			
8a. High school name & address (from which you graduated or will graduate this spring)			
8b. High school *cumulative* GPA ***AND*** ACT/SAT score			
8c. High school achievements, honors or awards (can be attached on a separate page) ***This does not take the place of the essay.*			
9. What will be your class status in the fall of 2027 (check (√) one) *Freshman* *Sophomore* *Junior* *Senior* *Graduate Student*			
10a. Major course of study	10b. Minor(s)		
11. Name of College	11b. Phone Number		
11c. College address	City	State	Zip
12. Career plans after school:			
13. Are you a United States citizen? Yes No *(check (√) one)*			
Student signature	Date		
Parent signature	Date		