

Cooperatives offer \$500 scholarships

Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA) member cooperatives invite high school seniors and students enrolled in undergraduate college or vocational technical programs to apply for two \$500 scholarships.

The state-wide program grants the scholarships based on academic ability and the applicant's school and community involvement. The scholarships may be used at any university or vocational technical school in or out of Montana.

The scholarships are funded from donations provided in memory of deceased electric cooperative directors, employees and friends.



The following are the required qualifications for scholarship applicants:

- The applicant's parents or guardians must be a member of an electric cooperative and the cooperative must be a member of MECA.
- The applicant may be either a graduating high school senior entering his or her freshman year at college or a vocational technical school or be a current college undergraduate student. Graduate students are not eligible for the scholarships.
- The application must be submitted to the applicant's local electric cooperative no later than January 31, 2005.

- Application forms are available at all Montana electric cooperatives' headquarters.

The selection of scholarship recipients is based on:

- A personal statement outlining the applicant's school, community and work activities and his or her goals

and career choices. The statement should be no longer than two double-spaced typed pages.

- Grade point average.
- ACT/SAT scores.
- One letter of recommendation.

For more information, contact your local electric cooperative.