



2023 Scholarship Information & Application

Dear Scholarship Applicant,

Thank you for considering applying for a San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship. SLVREC offers 12 scholarships for interested high school seniors. The deadline for applying is February 2, 2023.

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

We will notify you by March 31, 2023 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

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 2, 2023.***

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 must be owners. (Additional information may be requested to verify membership.)
- 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 Tri-State Scholarships, 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).

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

Scholarships Available

Martin Christensen Memorial Lineworker Scholarship

One scholarship is available and may 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 the cooperative to apply.*****

Eligibility Requirements

SLVREC's Lineworker Scholarship will provide the required training for the recipient to become an apprentice lineworker or electric lineworker.

- Must be at least 18 years old
- 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.

SLVREC's Adams State University Four-Year Scholarship

One scholarship is available

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.
- Relatives of board members and employees of SLVREC are not eligible for this scholarship.

Robert Wolfe Scholarship

One scholarship is available.

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

One scholarship is available.

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.

SLVREC Past Director Scholarship

One scholarship is available.

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

SLVREC Past Retired GM Ray Villyard & CEO John Villyard Scholarship

One scholarship is available.

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

Tri-State G&T Scholarships

Six scholarships are available

Four of the scholarships will be provided by Tri-State Generation and Transmission with a one-time award of \$500.

Two will be provided jointly by Tri-State G&T and SLVREC with a one-time award of \$500. 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.****

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:
 - Certified 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
(original signature required, no photocopies)
3. Include a maximum two-page essay giving a brief history and what your future career goals and desires are.
4. 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 _____

