

# DAR HACKWORTH LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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The Dar Hackworth Lineworker Scholarship was created in 2006 in memory of Dar Hackworth. Hackworth was born and raised in Ohio. In August 1997, he moved with his family to Powell, Wyoming where he became an electrical lineworker with Garland Light & Power Company. He became superintendent in 2000. He had been interested in music since he was young and became a talented musician, playing banjo and guitar with the bluegrass Gospel band, "Witness." Hackworth loved spending time with his family and friends and time in the mountains, hunting, fishing and riding horses. Hackworth loved his job with Garland Light & Power Company and was highly respected by his peers in the industry. Hackworth lost his life in the summer of 2005 in a non-utility-related accident while enjoying some of those things he loved in life the most.

**OBJECTIVE:** To encourage, promote, and educate lineworkers for enduring and rewarding careers with Wyoming's electric cooperatives.

## **POLICY:**

### I. Availability

Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who plan to attend an approved regional lineworker training program.

- A. A maximum of three scholarships will be awarded each year.
- B. The Scholarship shall be for \$1,000 each for up to three students.
- C. The scholarship is available to Wyoming residents interested in a career in the electric industry.

### II. Selection Process

- A. Member Systems will be responsible for providing information to high schools, colleges and employment agencies in their general area. Member Systems will be responsible for advertising scholarship application information in local media.
- B. WREA will be responsible for advertising scholarship information in the WREN magazine.
- C. Candidates must submit applications to WREA Suppliers Group, 2312 Carey Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001, **no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

- D. Scholarship recipients and alternates will be selected according to the following:
1. Scholarship applications will include an application form, a transcript of grades and two letters of recommendation from a teacher or employer.
  2. The WREA Suppliers Group will choose one (1) or more recipients for the scholarship no later June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  3. The WREA Suppliers Group may award an alternate the scholarship if the original applicant selected is unable to use the scholarship.

### III. Payment

- A. The scholarship payment will be made upon verification of enrollment in lineworker program.
- B. The \$1,000 scholarship will be paid directly to the student's account at his/her school of choice.
- C. Verification of enrollment must be sent to WREA prior to release of scholarship funds.
- D. No further scholarship money will be awarded in the event the student fails to complete the program or fails to maintain a 2.5 GPA, at which time the student will be asked to repay the scholarship funds previously received.

### IV. Post-School Employment

- A. The scholarship recipient is obligated, upon completion of the lineworker program, to notify each Wyoming electric cooperative of his/her availability for employment and apply for any apprentice lineworker position open at a Wyoming electric cooperative. Filing an application will not guarantee employment. Failure to apply at each of Wyoming's electric cooperatives will result in repayment of the scholarship monies received from WREA.