

How much is the Butte Electric Cooperative Scholarship?

Butte Electric Cooperative will award four scholarships in the amount of \$1000. The scholarship checks will be made payable to the school and will be distributed by Butte Electric Cooperative and Basin Electric Power Cooperative.

Who is eligible to receive the Scholarship?

Butte Electric members or dependents of members are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The applicant must be a student enrolled or planning to enroll in a full time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen. The scholarship will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained.

How is the recipient selected?

Applications are judged primarily based on work experience, community involvement, future plans, and an essay question. The Scholarship Committee that determines recipients includes three BEC Board Members and three BEC employees.

How Can I Apply?

1. Complete the application below (attach additional sheets if necessary). Please include name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
2. Submit an essay answering the following question: “What current issues are facing your electric cooperative and how would you suggest those issues be addressed?”
3. Request a letter of recommendation have it sent on your behalf to 3540 Old Belle Rd., Spearfish, SD 57783 or to lainem@butteelectric.com
4. Send this application and all supporting documentation to Butte Electric Cooperative by February 16, 2024. Butte Electric Cooperative, 3540 Old Belle Rd., Spearfish, SD 57783

Please contact Laine Mitchell at lainem@butteelectric.com or (605)269-0680 or contact the Guidance Counselor at your school for more information.

Butte Electric Cooperative – Scholarship Program

Butte Electric Cooperative (BEC) awards four (4) \$1,000 annual scholarships to students who plan to pursue a degree or certification from an accredited university, college, junior college, technical school or other post-secondary educational institution. Applications are judged on the basis of work experience, community involvement, future plans, letter of recommendation, and a written essay.

To be eligible you must:

- be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational technical school.
- be a member of Butte Electric or a dependent of a Butte Electric member

Scholarship Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- 1. Complete this application (*attach additional sheets if necessary*). Your name and address should be on all attachments. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.
- 2. **Essay** - What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?
- 3. **Letter of Recommendation** – Please have a letter of recommendation sent on your behalf to 3540 Old Belle Rd, Spearfish, SD 57783 or to lainem@butteelectric.com
- 4. Send this application and all supporting documentation to Butte Electric Cooperative by **February 16, 2024**. Butte Electric Cooperative, 3540 Old Belle Rd., Spearfish, SD 57783

[All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Butte Electric selection committee.](#)

Applicant Information

Applicant Name:	Home Phone:	College Phone:	Last 4 Digits of SSN#:	
Permanent Address (<i>Street/PO Box</i>):	City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
Mother's Name:	Father's Name:			
Student's Parent is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Butte Electric Cooperative Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Butte Electric Cooperative Consumer			
High School Name and Address from which you graduated or will be graduating from this spring:				
Activities, Community Involvement, Achievements, and/or Honors (Attach additional sheets if necessary):				

Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. **DO NOT** repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

Work Experience

Describe your work experience (e.g. food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Employer/Position	From (Mo/Yr)	To (Mo/Yr)	Hours per Week

Goals and Aspirations

Write a brief summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals. How do plan to use your goals and aspirations to impact your local community in the future? (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Education

Butte Electric wishes to award scholarships to students based primarily on their community involvement, future plans, and ambitions. GPA and/or test scores are not the main assessment to win the Butte Electric Scholarship. Completion of ACT and/or SAT tests is not necessary.

GPA: _____

ACT Scores:

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Comp: _____

SAT I Scores:

Verbal: _____ Math: _____

School

Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year 2024:

Name	City	State

4-Yr. College or University

2-Yr. Community or Junior College

Vocational-Technical School

What will your class status be this fall?

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Major Course of Study:	Minors:
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Essay Question (Required)

As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, typed with a font size no smaller than 12 point, and double-spaced on 8 ½ X 11” size paper. Include your name on the top right-hand corner of the essay.

What current issues are facing your electric cooperative and how would you suggest those issues be addressed?

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(Applicant Signature) (Date)

Letter of Recommendation

Butte Electric scholarships are awarded primarily based on leadership potential, community involvement, and plans for continuing academic success. Please address the applicant’s personal characteristics which you feel contribute to the student’s application. Also state how long have you known the applicant and in what capacity. Please send the letter of recommendation *directly* to 3540 Old Belle Rd, Spearfish, SD 57783 or via email to lainem@butteelectric.com by **February 16, 2024**.

Information such as schooling, achievements, and career plans may be used for publicity purposes.