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Dear Guidance Counselor:

Southeastern Electric Cooperative and Basin Electric Power Cooperative are sponsoring a scholarship program again for 2012. The guidelines have remained the same as last year's program. Southeastern Electric will award three \$1,000 scholarships and five \$500 scholarships to dependents of a cooperative's member/consumer.

Please find enclosed an informational brochure and an application form for the scholarship. Feel free to make as many photocopies of this material as you require.

It should be noted that awards are based on the following criteria: SAT/ACT scores, grade-point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a statement by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals, and a written recommendation by a third party.

The applications should be sent to Southeastern Electric Cooperative, P. O. Box 250, Salem, South Dakota 57058. Please note that all materials for the scholarship **applications must be received by the cooperative before February 3, 2012.** Applications can also be sent by email to: brett@southeasternelectric.com

If you have any questions, you may call Southeastern Electric at 1-800-333-2859 and ask for Brett Snyders or Mark Neu or email Brett at above email address with any questions.

Sincerely,

Brett Snyders
Member Services Advisor



SOUTHEASTERN ELECTRIC AND BASIN ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

What is the Rural Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program?

Basin Electric Power Cooperative developed the Scholarship Program; Basin is one of Southeastern Electric's power suppliers. The program is designed to encourage and recognize the academic achievements of the children of rural electric cooperatives. The scholarship must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year of which the scholarship is given. Checks will be made payable jointly to the student and the college, and must be endorsed by both parties. The scholarship will be paid in August.

Who is Eligible to Receive the Scholarship and Youth Tour?

Dependent children of member/consumers are eligible. Also eligible are the natural or adopted children of full-time employees of SEC who have been employed there for a minimum of two years as of the application deadline. The applicant must also be a U.S. citizen.

The applicant must be a student who is 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. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to other awards, loans, or financial assistance the applicant may have obtained.

Previous SEC and BEPC scholarship winners are not eligible.

How are the Recipients Selected?

Awards are based on academic excellence which includes the following criteria: **SAT/ACT scores, grade point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities, a statement by the student explaining his/her educational and career goals, and a written recommendation by a third party.**

What are the Recipient's Obligations?

Except for the requirements outlined in this brochure, no obligations will be imposed upon the student as a scholarship award winner. Other than payment of the scholarship, no obligations or liability are assumed by SEC or BEPC.

How can I Apply?

To apply, you must complete the required criteria along with the scholarship application, which can be obtained from local high school guidance counselors or at anyone of Southeastern Electric's business offices or online at southeasternelectric.com. Applications must be returned to Southeastern Electric, P.O. Box 250, Salem, S.D. 57058, by Friday, February 3, 2012, to be eligible. **Please include a picture of yourself.** For more information, contact Brett Snyders or Mark Neu by calling toll free at 1-800-333-2859 or E-mail brett@southeasternelectric.com

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Scholarship Program

Scholarship Submittal Requirements

- ❑ Complete this form by typing or printing (attach additional sheets if necessary).
- ❑ Enclose your most recent academic high school transcript.
- ❑ Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.
- ❑ Enclose a short essay written by you outlining your high school honors, community and school activities, your employment history, and future career goals.
- ❑ Enclose one letter of reference from a teacher, counselor, employer, or system manager.
- ❑ Mail your complete application packet as directed below. Application must be received in Southeastern's Office by **February 3, 2012**. Postmarked dates will not be accepted.

Send application and all supporting documentation to:

Scholarship Committee
Southeastern Electric
P. O. Box 250
Salem, SD 57058
or email brett@southeasternelectric.com

QUALIFICATION: MUST BE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by the Basin Electric Power Cooperative or Southeastern Electric Cooperative Selection Committees. Applications will not be considered unless the above required information is complete.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please complete the form below. Information provided in # 10-12 may be used for publicity purposes.

1. Name	Home Phone()		
2. Permanent Address: (street)	(city)	(state)	(zip)
3. Mother's name:	Father's name:		
4. Student's parent is: a) <input type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative employee b) <input type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative consumer (You do not have to answer #5)			
5. Co-op System Name: Southeastern Electric Cooperative			
6. High School name and address from which you will graduate this spring:			
7. High school achievements or honors:			
8. GPA _____ ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Comp _____ SAT I: Verbal _____ Math _____ Enclose backup for these scores.			
9. Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year.			
		City	State
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-yr college or university		<input type="checkbox"/> 2-yr community or junior college	
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational-Technical School		<input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain	
10. What will your class status be in the fall of the year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore
		<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
11. Major course of study:		Minors:	
12. Career plans after school:			
Student signature:		Date:	
Parent's Signature:		Date:	
Applicants return this form to your local cooperative:			
Southeastern Electric Cooperative PO Box 250 Salem, SD 57058			