

Powering Futures Electric Lineworker Scholarship

Description

Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin (MEUW) exists to strengthen and unify community-owned utilities, and it is increasingly difficult for those utilities to attract qualified workers to the stable, well-paying and local careers available as a public power lineworker.

Electric utility lineworkers are vitally important to their communities because they perform essential services that keep the lights on. Lineworkers maintain and construct electric distribution systems, to ensure the reliability of the electric system. They perform many different tasks, including climbing poles or operating aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25 to 200 feet above the ground or digging trenches to string underground electric cable. Lineworkers also respond to outages and emergencies to help restore power in a safe and efficient way.

Recognizing the need to continue growing the field of qualified lineworkers required to sustain public power in Wisconsin, MEUW established the “Powering Futures” scholarship fund to support the next generation of electric lineworkers and accomplish the association’s goal of strengthening community-owned utilities.

Criteria

- o Graduating high school senior, continuing college student, technical college student, or non-traditional college student residing in one of over 80 Wisconsin communities operating an electric utility - visit MEUW.org/communities for a list
- o Accepted or awaiting acceptance for enrollment at an accredited technical college
- o Pursuing post-secondary education in an Electrical Power Distribution program with aspirations for a career as a Field Service Technician, Groundman, Lineman Apprentice, Electric Meter Technician, Substation Electrician Apprentice or Utility Technician
- o Demonstrates integrity, strong work ethic, and a passion for the community through school and work-related activities
- o COMMON ESSAY: Share a personal experience or describe any attributes that influenced your career choice.