

Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. 2021 Scholarship Instructions



To be considered for any of the GVEA scholarship awards, your application must be submitted to GVEA or postmarked by 5pm on Monday, March 1, 2021 and must include all of the following items:

1. **Complete all application pages.** Type or print legibly in blue or black ink only. Be sure to sign the application where indicated. Please only include requested documentation. Other materials will not be considered.
2. **Include an essay describing:** Your personal history; educational goals and how you plan to achieve those goals, including the school you plan to attend; plans beyond your formal educational years, including career goals and how obtaining additional education will further those goals; your involvement in your community and how you might be able to contribute back to your community or the GVEA co-op in the future. The essay should be no longer than three pages double-spaced.
3. **Include your most recent transcripts (NOT a report card) showing Cumulative Grade Point Average. This applies to all applicants.** Remember to request transcripts from your high school or previous university in time to be turned in with your application. They are required for a complete application. High school transcripts must include the first semester of senior year. If you have already attended a university or college full-time for at least one semester, it is not necessary to include high school transcripts. For higher education transcripts, unofficial copies of transcripts, including those obtained via the Internet, are acceptable and preferred.
4. **Include two references: using either the Scholarship Reference Form available at www.gvea.com/inside/scholarship or letter format.** Inform your references that their letters/forms must be *returned to you* so you can submit them with your application by Monday, March 1, 2021 – *do not send them separately from your application or your application will be considered incomplete.* The references should be recent (within the last 9 months) and should be from individuals knowledgeable enough about you both academically and personally to provide insight into your personal characteristics, abilities, achievements, motivation and potential. One of the references should be from a past or present teacher, guidance counselor or other school official. The second should be from a past or present employer or someone with whom you have worked on a community or volunteer service activity, through religious affiliation or personal acquaintance. Before you decide on your references, carefully read the Scholarship Reference Form to help you understand the type of information required. When you make the request of your evaluators, be sure they feel comfortable about completing the form/letter.
5. **Make one complete copy for your records. All pages submitted should be one-sided for easier duplication and not stapled.** Please only include requested documentation. Other materials will not be considered.
6. **Submit completed application packet by 5pm on Monday, March 1, 2021 to the address shown below.** Only applications postmarked by March 1, 2021 will be accepted; applications postmarked after March 1, 2021 will NOT be accepted. *All information must arrive together; do not send transcripts, reference forms or other information separately, as they will not be considered.*

Direct any questions/inquiries to scholarship@gvea.com or call 458-5862.

Submit application and all requested materials to: ATTN: Scholarship Committee
Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc.
758 Illinois Street (physical address)
PO Box 71249
Fairbanks AK 99707-1249

Visit our website at www.gvea.com/inside/scholarship for more information about the scholarships offered and to download forms (application and reference).