



Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc. 2021 Career & Technical Education Scholarship Instructions

To be considered for the Golden Valley Electric Association Career & Technical Education scholarship award, your application must be **submitted by Friday, July 30, 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 education, 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 most recent school in time to be turned in with your application. They are required for a complete application. High school transcripts must include the last semester of the last year attended. If you have already attended a post-secondary institution full-time (or at least 12 credits), 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/scholarships or letter format.** Inform your references that their letters/forms must be *returned to you* so you can submit them with your application by Friday, July 30, 2021 – *do not send them separately from your application or your application will be considered incomplete.* The references 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 employer, teacher, guidance counselor or other school official. The second should be from 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, read the Scholarship Reference Form carefully 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 Friday, July 30, 2021 to address shown below.** Applications postmarked by Friday, July 30, 2021 will 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.

Return all application and requested materials to: ATTN: Scholarship Committee
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