



People's Energy Cooperative

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2026 People's Energy Cooperative Scholarship Application

People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) is a member-owned rural electric cooperative providing electric service to several communities in southeastern Minnesota. As part of our community involvement and outreach efforts, PEC is pleased to offer \$1,000 scholarships for general education and \$2,000 scholarships for lineworker education programs to graduating high school seniors throughout our service area. Scholarships are funded by unclaimed capital credits and open to any graduating high school senior whose parents or legal guardians are members of the Cooperative.

Community Service Focus:

People's Energy Cooperative is dedicated to excellent community service. We understand that it takes commitment and passion to create a thriving community and want to learn more about how you are committed to and passionate about excellent community service where you live.

Qualifications:

- Parents or legal guardians must be current members of the Cooperative
- Students must hold a minimum 2.75 GPA
- Heavy consideration will be given to service in your community
- Students must be attending an accredited college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2026 to qualify and receive funds
- Students must prove completion of the first semester or quarter of studies for funds to be released to the school
- Complete application with required documents must be received by 4 pm on Friday, January 30, 2026

Submit your complete application (with required signatures), a current high school transcript, and cover letter to the Cooperative by 4 pm on Friday, January 30, 2026. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards. The People's Energy Cooperative Scholarship Committee will review applications and winners will be announced at People's Energy Cooperative's Annual Meeting on March 26, 2026.

PART I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GPA: _____

Please note 2026 scholarships are only available to graduating high school seniors with a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

FUTURE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL: _____

Please include acceptance letter or some other proof of acceptance or enrollment if you have received one.

DOES YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN WORK FOR THE COOPERATIVE? NO ☐ YES ☐ NAME: _____

PART II. MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

PEC ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

Can be found on monthly electric bill.

Member must be the parent or legal guardian of the applicant.

PART III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

*In **essay form** and in under 250 words, please share with us how you have served your community in meaningful ways. Why did you choose these activities (maximum of three), how did you serve, and what was the difference you made though your service? We are interested in the impact your service made on your community, not how many times you served.*

FOR THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN YOUR ESSAY, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

(Example: Community Food Shelf)

SERVICE ACTIVITY / YOUR ROLE:

(Example: Stocking Shelves)

DATE(S) OF SERVICE: _____ **HOUR(S) OF SERVICE:** _____

LEADER/SUPERVISOR: _____

(Please have the activity leader/supervisor sign as proof of service.)

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SERVICE IN THE FUTURE:

How do you intend to serve your community in the future? Does your post-secondary education support your plans for service?

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PART IV. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List all activities that you have participated in during your high school career. Activities can include class officer or other leadership positions, participation in plays, extracurricular activities, academics, music, athletics, student support, etc.

Activity	Years of Participation

PART V. EMPLOYMENT

Please list your employment experience during high school.

Employer	Position Held / Duties	Length of Employment

Is there anything else you think we should know about you when considering your application?

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PEC SCHOLARSHIP?

☐ High School Bulletin Board ☐ Guidance Counselor ☐ Teacher ☐ PEC Newsletter

☐ PEC Facebook Page ☐ Friend ☐ Other _____

Completed applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026.
Applicants can submit application via email, U.S. mail or office drop-off.

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Questions?

Please contact the Cooperative at (800) 214-2694 or memberrelations@peoplesenergy.coop.