



Line Worker Scholarship FAQ's

WHAT DOES AN ELECTRICAL LINE WORKER DO?

An electrical line worker performs a variety of tasks in diverse situations and areas. A line worker may be climbing poles or operating aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25 to 200 feet above the ground, while the next day they may be working on a substation, or digging trenches to string underground electric cable. Line workers work outside in all kinds of weather. Severe weather or accidents can knock out power to a community, and line workers may be needed at any hour to restore the power.

IM INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A LINE WORKER, NOW WHAT?

It's a good idea to do some research before pursuing the career of an electrical line worker. Schools like [Northwest Lineman College](#) have resources for those who are considering this field of work. You can also request a brochure or talk with an admission consultant before deciding which school is right for you. Another option are local apprentice programs. The [104 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers](#) (IBEW) offers an apprentice program right here in New Hampshire.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Applicants who have been accepted into a line school or apprentice program must be a member of New Hampshire Electric Co-op or live with a parent/guardian who is a member. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, hold a valid driver's license and possess a high school diploma or a GED certificate.

ARE ONLY GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ELIGIBLE?

No! The NHEC line worker scholarship is available to any member of NHEC who is interested in pursuing a career in electrical line work, regardless of age. The only requirement is that applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S OBLIGATIONS?

The \$2,500 scholarship will be paid in full to the line worker school/apprenticeship program prior to the start of the term. In the event the student fails to complete the program, repayment to New Hampshire Electric for the scholarship will be required. Accepting this scholarship carries no contractual obligation. Upon completion of the line worker program, the recipient is not obligated to apply or work for New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. Additionally, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative is not obligated to hold or provide a job to the scholarship recipient.

WHO CAN WRITE A RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR ME?

A teacher, counselor, spiritual leader, employer or other individual may write the recommendation, as long as he or she is not related to you. The person writing the recommendation must be able to describe how they know you and support the information you have provided in your Scholarship Application.

HOW IS THE RECIPIENT SELECTED?

The scholarship will be awarded based on the seven application questions, two letters of recommendation and an in-person interview.