



# Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

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To: Member Services Committee, Member Organizations  
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From: Sharon McDonald  
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cc: Member Managers, Member Organizations  
Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association

Date: October 13, 2011

Re: 2012 MECA Memorial Scholarship

Once again, it's time to nominate deserving students who will be attending college in the fall of 2012. MECA will award two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. Members of MECA's Member Services Committee will select the scholarship finalists. Enclosed is a copy of the 2012 MECA Memorial Scholarship Application, criteria and rules for judging scholarship applications. In addition, the application and guidelines will be on the MECA website <http://www.mtco-ops.com/> by October 31, 2011.

In order to apply for the scholarship, applicants, parents or guardians must be a member of an electric cooperative and the cooperative must be a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. All applications must be returned to *the local* electric cooperative in the applicants' community and not the Statewide office. Please make sure the applicants understand this requirement.

Judging criteria will be weighted as follows:

Grades	20%	Activities	20%
ACT/SATs	20%	Essay/personal statement	40%

Applicants must return their application form, transcripts and letters of reference to their local cooperative by **January 31, 2012**.

After your board of directors or selected individuals review the applications and select a finalist, you must submit that student's complete application to the Statewide office by **February 29, 2012**. Each electric cooperative submits only one scholarship application.

The scholarships are funded by individual contributions to the Memorial Scholarship Program. Your help this past year in encouraging donations, as well as your contributions to the fund, perpetuates these scholarships and are greatly appreciated.

Rural Montana magazine will be running articles, starting in the November issue, announcing the scholarship eligibility rules and encouraging donations to the Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition, we encourage you to give the scholarship information to your local high school and colleges as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance don't hesitate to call me at 761-8333 or email me at [sharonm@mtco-ops.com](mailto:sharonm@mtco-ops.com)

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MONTANA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES' ASSOCIATION  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant or parent/guardian must be a member of BEARTOOTH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (BEC) and BEC must be a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. (*BEC is a member of MECA*)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Box/RR City, State, Zip

PARENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COOPERATIVE NAME: BEARTOOTH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING/ATTENDED: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANKING: \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/SCHOOL PLANNING TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/SCHOOL ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE JUDGED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

Grades	20%
ACT/SATs	20%
Activities	20%
Essay/personal statement	40%

ATTACH INFORMATION IN REGARDS TO:

- Grades  
Attach a copy of your school transcripts
- ACT/SAT scores  
Attach a copy of your scores
- Activities in School & Community  
Attach copies of awards and/or honors received and a description of any extracurricular activities and volunteer service
- High School and/or College employment  
List employer, position, hours worked weekly pertaining to school year and/or summer employment
- Personal Statement  
Write about how your school/community/work activities will influence your goals and career choice. This statement should be no more than two, double-spaced typed pages.
- One letter of recommendation

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE TO BEARTOOTH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. NO LATER THAN: **January 31, 2012**