



Great Lakes Energy Cooperative 2025/26 Scholarship Application

Availability: Great Lakes Energy (GLE) is a not-for-profit electric cooperative with nearly 300 employees serving more than 125,000 members in rural areas of northern and western Michigan. We are pleased to offer six scholarships in the 2025-26 academic year for students pursuing certification or a degree related to a Pre-Apprentice Electrical Lineworker program.

Award Amount: \$1,000 each for full-time students for use at any accredited educational institution in the United States. The scholarship must be used for educational purposes.

Frequency: One annual award; previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply.

Deadline: **Completed applications must be submitted by March 31, 2025.** All supporting materials and documentation must be included with the application and submitted to tmix@glenergy.com OR Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, 1323 Boyne Avenue, Attention Travis Mix, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, based on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicant must be a resident of Michigan.
- Applicant must be enrolled or planning to enroll at an accredited educational institution during the 2025/26 school year.

Evaluation: Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: academic and other achievements, community service and other volunteer work, personal statement of educational and career goals, essay, letters of recommendation, and GPA. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Notification: All applicants will be notified on the status of their application by May 1, 2025.

Section 1. Applicant Information

Applicant's First and Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Preferred Phone:

Secondary Phone:

E-mail Address:

GLE or Truestream Account #, if applicable:

Name on Account:

Service Address:

High School Attending or Attended:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Anticipated Graduation Date: Cumulative GPA:

Information for the school you plan to attend during the 2025/26 academic year:

Name:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Intended field of study:

Section 2. Achievements, Community or Volunteer Service, Work Experience & Personal Statement

In a separate document, please include the following:

- Academic achievements/awards/honors
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community or volunteer service and relevant dates
- Work experience, including unpaid internships, including employer, responsibilities and dates of employment (resumes accepted)
- Briefly discuss your future educational and career goals (250 words maximum)

Section 3. Essay

Choose one of the following questions:

- 1) Why are you interested in the electrical lineworker field, and what do you like about spending time in western and/or northern Michigan?
- 2) Electric cooperatives operate based on seven cooperative principles (please refer to www.electric.coop/seven-cooperative-principles). Which of these principles do you think is most important and why?
- 3) How has Great Lakes Energy or Truestream personally impacted you and/or your family?

Section 4. Documentation

Attach and return the following documents along with all completed sections of the application:

- Official transcript
- Two signed letters of recommendation: (1) character reference (non-family member/non-teacher) and (1) academic reference (teacher, coach or principal)

Note: A high-quality digital photo will be requested from the scholarship award recipients for GLE use on website, social media and/or print publication.

I certify the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicant's Name (print): _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____