

**APPRENTICESHIPS**

Line workers make up a large percentage of WH's workforce and are an important asset to the cooperative and community. Line workers have the opportunity to train on heavy equipment and gain many skills. Their duty to keep power restored is a lifeline to the local economy. Graduates of Power Line Schools are generally hired to work as apprentice line workers. Apprenticeships last four years and include on-the-job training as well as correspondence coursework. The average first-year pay is approximately \$20 per hour plus a benefit package, with graduated increases through apprenticeship.

How would a Knickerbocker memorial line worker scholarship help you achieve your goals of becoming a line worker? Attach a sheet of paper to the application if more space is necessary to complete the question.

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

What talents in the technical or construction fields have you acquired through school or experience? Attach a sheet of paper to the application if more space is necessary to complete the question.

What are your other interests or hobbies? Attach a sheet of paper to the application if more space is necessary to complete the question.

**CERTIFICATION**

Please enclose letters of recommendation from two or more people who can attest to your skills, talents and work ethic.

I, the applicant, certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I, the applicant, meet all guidelines designated in this brochure. Falsification of any information will cause disqualification from the scholarship program.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 18)



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# ELWYN AND HAZEL KNICKERBOCKER MEMORIAL LINE WORKER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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## ELWYN AND HAZEL KNICKERBOCKER MEMORIAL LINE WORKER SCHOLARSHIP

Former Wright-Hennepin (WH) director Elwyn S. ("Knick") Knickerbocker was one of the cooperative's forefathers. He and his wife, Hazel, played a crucial role in bringing electricity to rural homes and farms in the Wright and Hennepin County areas, working to organize and conduct meetings in many communities to gain support for the formation of rural electric cooperatives. Elwyn went on to become one of the WH's first board directors, serving district 1 for 53 years. He was also the longest serving director in the nation and Hazel was also an avid supporter of electric cooperative efforts.

The Knickerbockers were lifelong residents of Annandale and to honor their tireless efforts in the cooperative industry, their family began a line worker scholarship in 2005. Line workers play a core role at WH in building and maintaining reliable power lines that serve members' homes and businesses.

The purpose of the Knickerbocker Memorial Line Worker Scholarship Program is to encourage men and women in the local area to pursue an electric line worker career. One scholarship will be awarded annually in the amount of \$1,500.

### BENEFITS OF BEING A WH LINE WORKER

- Competitive wage
- Excellent benefits
- Job stability: WH has been serving the local area since 1937
- Work outdoors (all types of weather)
- Opportunity to work with quality tools and operating equipment
- Quality workforce-become part of our highly skilled, enthusiastic team
- Apparel program
- Training reimbursement program

## WHAT IT TAKES TO BEGIN YOUR LINE WORKER CAREER

Attend power line school for 10 to 11 months. The college fee is approximately \$6,000 and the scholarship will cover 25 percent of your tuition.

### ELIGIBILITY

Anyone who is at least a high school senior or older living within a 30-mile radius of Rockford is eligible to apply. Enrollment in a Power Line Technical College is required.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Scholarship applications must be filled out completely and returned to Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association, P.O. Box 330, Rockford, MN 55373 by April 25. To apply please submit the following:

1. A completed copy of this application form
2. Proof of local residence
3. Your future goals as defined in the questionnaire on the back of this form (attach additional pages if needed)
4. High school transcript
5. Post-secondary transcript if applicable
6. At least two letters of recommendation

### HOW WILL THE MONEY BE DISTRIBUTED?

A committee will review all applications received. One individual will be chosen from the applicants and awarded a certificate for \$1,500. The money will be dispersed in a two-step process:

1. \$750 will be issued upon receipt of letter from your college verifying satisfactory academic standards and attendance record after the first semester.
2. \$750 will be issued the latter half of second semester of school, upon receipt of letter from your college verifying satisfactory academic standards and attendance record.

All information must be filled out completely on the application form.

### APPLICANT DATA

**Name** Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
**Permanent Address** Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone** Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent or Guardian** Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_  
(if under 18) Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### HIGH SCHOOL DATA

School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date or Anticipated Graduation Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale: \_\_\_\_\_  
or other (please specify scale used): \_\_\_\_\_/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants must include an official high school transcript of grades.**

### POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA (IF APPLICABLE)

School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduation Date or Anticipated Graduation Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale: \_\_\_\_\_  
or other (please specify scale used): \_\_\_\_\_/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants must include an official post-secondary transcript of grades.**

### QUESTIONNAIRE

**Questionnaire on the back of this application must be completed for consideration.**

### POST-SECONDARY ATTENDANCE

Provide the name and address of the college you plan to attend:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_