

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. (LPEA)
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
2017

1. Applicant must be a senior graduating from one of the high schools within service territory of La Plata Electric Association, Inc. Home School graduates within LPEA's service territory are also eligible.
2. Applicant may attend any accredited college or university within the United States, and major in an academic field which is relative to a career in a rural electric cooperative association field.
3. The scholarship award will be for tuition, fees and books, not to exceed \$7,000 annually. One-half the amount will be awarded at the beginning of the first term, and the remaining one-half for the second term, as long as requirements are maintained.
4. Recipients must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 first year, 2.5 the second year, and a 3.0 beyond, and must successfully **complete a minimum of 15 academic credits each term.**
**Recipients of the scholarship are eligible to retain the scholarship each year as long as the minimum criteria qualifications are maintained. After a student has attained a maximum of 180 credit hours, he or she is no longer eligible for scholarship.*
5. The recipient is responsible for providing a copy of his/her transcript and next semester course schedule ***at the end of each semester*** that will be kept on file at the LPEA office. The transcripts are to be mailed or hand delivered to: Jeannie R. Bennett, c/o La Plata Electric Association, Inc., PO Box 2750, Durango, CO 81302- 2750.
6. Application deadline is **March 1, 2017. The official La Plata Electric Application (attached), essay, high school transcript, SAT/ACT score(s), and reference letter(s) constitute application.** **Applications must be complete to be considered.*
7. Applicants may attend the Colorado Rural Electric Leadership Camp for one week, the summer between high school graduation and the start of the freshman year in college. All related expenses will be paid by LPEA.
8. Employment at La Plata Electric Association may be available to scholarship recipients.
9. If selected, you will be requested to submit a senior photo for marketing purposes. **The photo will need to be a high resolution jpeg and emailed to jbennett@lpea.coop.** Preference would be a head & shoulders photo of applicant.

Questions or correspondence may be directed to:

Jeannie Bennett
Public Relations Coordinator
La Plata Electric Association, Inc.
PO Box 2750 Durango, CO 81302
(970) 382-3505
jbennett@lpea.coop

LA PLATA ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

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Please Type or Print Clearly

Name _____
 First Last Middle Initial

Physical Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Mailing Address _____
 Street City State Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

**Please note: if parent address is different from student. Please list City and State.*

H.S. Cumulative GPA _____ High School Attended _____

Name and mailing address of **accredited school** you are/will be attending in the fall of the year.

Please Circle One: 4-Year College or University

Student ID (*if available*) or Social Security #: _____

Major course of study: _____

Minor course of study: _____

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List your extracurricular activities while in high school.

(Use an extra sheet of paper where necessary)

List any honors and awards you earned while in high school.

(Use an extra sheet of paper where necessary)

Write a 500-word essay concerning your college educational goals and how these goals could relate to a career at a rural electric cooperative association.

Please answer the following:

- | | YES? | NO? |
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| 1. Would you be interested in attending the Colorado Rural Electric Leadership Camp <i>(All expenses paid)</i> between your high school graduation and the start of the your freshman year in college? | _____ | _____ |
| 2. If there is a job available through La Plata Electric, would you like to work for the coop while attending college? | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Are you planning to pursue a college degree that could lead to a career in the Rural Electric Cooperative field? | _____ | _____ |

Comments on the above:

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

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**RETURN THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ALL REQUIRED
APPLICATION MATERIALS ATTACHED TO:**

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**Applications being hand delivered are due by 5:00 pm on
March 1, 2017.**

**Applications being mailed must be postmarked on
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