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Scholarships Available

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Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, and Garland Light & Power are offering college scholarships to students in our service area. The scholarships are for 2019-2020 school year.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, to which we are a member, located in Bismarck, ND, offers one \$1,000 scholarship to a qualifying senior whose family is served by Garland Light & Power. Tri-State Generation and Transmission, our power supplier in Denver, offers two \$500 scholarships. Garland Light and Power offers several scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,000 to qualifying seniors and returning college students. Trade school applications are also accepted.

The scholarship program recognizes and encourages the academic achievement of students in Garland's area. It also serves as an investment in the economic future of rural areas. The scholarships must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and dependents of member system consumers or employees. Applicants also must be students enrolled or planning to enroll in a full time undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited, two or four year college. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on a combination of SAT/ACT scores and overall grade point average, work experience, participation in school and community activities. A personal statement and written recommendations by a third party are also required.

Applications will be accepted until February 22, 2019 and winners will be announced by March 15, 2019. Your application must be returned to Garland Light & Power Office. You can pick up applications at our office or Powell and Cody High School.

WREA Offering Lineman Scholarship

As a member of the Wyoming Rural Electric Association (WREA), Garland Light & Power will be accepting applications for a Lineman Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000 to be awarded by WREA.

The scholarship was developed to promote careers in the electrical line work within the cooperative industry, and is available to any individual, including any recent high school graduate, that plans to attend a lineman school.

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The WREA will be awarding one or more scholarships each year. Scholarship applications must include an application form, resume of education, work experience and a transcript of grades. A transcript will not be necessary if the candidate has not attended an educational institution in the three years prior to submitting the scholarship form.

Each WREA member cooperative will interview, select and submit one (1) candidate's name to the WREA for consideration by the WREA Board of Directors. The WREA Board will choose one or more recipient(s) for the scholarship no later than April 30, 2019.

The WREA Board of Directors may award an alternate scholarship if the original applicant selected is unable to use the scholarship.

You can pick up applications at our office or Powell and Cody High School. Completed applications must be returned to the Garland Light & Power office by the March 1, 2019 deadline.

DAR HACKWORTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Dar Hackworth Lineworker Scholarship was created in 2006 in memory of Dar Hackworth. Hackworth was born and raised in Ohio. In August 1997, he moved with his family to Powell, Wyoming where he became an electrical lineworker for Garland Light & Power. He became superintendent in 2000. He had been interested in music since he was young and became a talented musician, playing banjo and guitar with the bluegrass Gospel band, "Witness." Hackworth loved spending time with family and friends and time in the mountains, hunting, fishing, and riding horses. He loved his job and was highly respected by his peers in the industry. Hackworth lost his life in the summer of 2005 in a non-utility related accident while enjoying some of those things he loved most.

One scholarship will be awarded each year to a Wyoming resident interested in a career in the electric industry. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1,000.

You can pick up applications at our office or Powell and Cody High School. Completed applications must be returned to Garland Light & Power office by the March 31, 2019 deadline.

Garland Light & Power will
be closed for the Christmas
Holiday on December 24th &
25th. Also closed on January
1st for New Years.
Merry Christmas & Happy
New Year!



Message From Molly

Garland Light and Power Co. saw some big changes in 2018. In February, the General Manager, Mary Ann Keeler retired after spending the last 35 years working for the company. Mary Ann started working part-time in 1982 and was later promoted to the GM position. After a grueling and lengthy interview process, I was chosen to fill her position and began my tenure February 1st. Her knowledge of the industry was invaluable and her dedication to the company is greatly missed, but we wish her many years of happy retirement.

One of my first tasks was to find a replacement for Bob Blevins, our Meter Reader, Line Locator, and Office Assistant. I knew this was not going to be easy as Bob had spent the last 13 years becoming indispensable to the company and beloved by the Board, the staff, and our members. While we weren't ready to see him go, we hope he has many years of good health and much deserved fun. After interviewing several qualified people, Jason Fields was chosen to fill the position and started in May. Jason has worked hard learning his new responsibilities both in the office and out in the field which is no easy task. Working in a small co-op means we all wear several hats and the day's duties may be subject to change depending on staffing, weather, outages, and other variables.

The year 2019 will also be one of changes as we look forward to increasing communications with our members through social media and the company website. Many of you have already found us on Facebook and we hope the rest of you will Follow us on Facebook soon. We post safety tips, energy facts, and company news such as upcoming company events, changes, and outages. We hope you find this to be a useful tool that helps you stay in touch with your co-op.

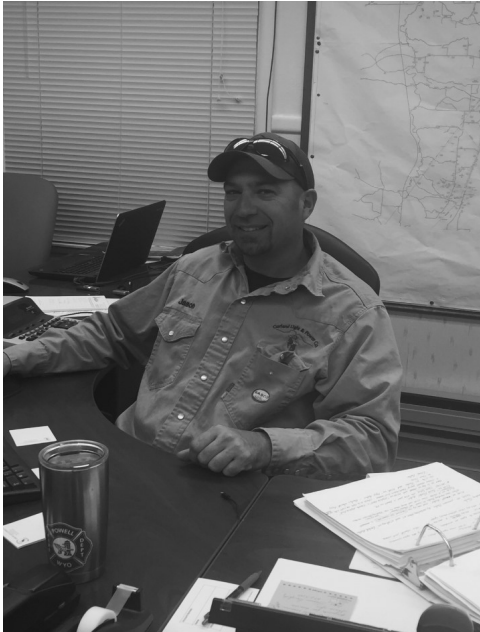
We also look forward to offering new payment options in the coming year. We are working on updating the current system so we can begin accepting debit and credit cards in our office and over the phone. In addition, we will be offering SmartHub, a product which will allow all of you to access your billing information and remit payment via check, debit card, or credit card online. More information on this will be available as we get closer to the implementation date.

As we look ahead to another safe and successful year in 2019, the Board of Directors and Staff would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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New Employee

Hi my name is Jason Fields and I'm very excited to be given this opportunity at Garland Light and Power. A little about myself I was born and raised here in Powell and I have a wife and two daughters, a sophomore at Powell High School and a seventh grader at Powell Middle School. I am also the current Captain at the Powell Volunteer Fire Department and I have been on the department for almost seven years. I really enjoy recreating outdoors with my family whether its snowboarding and snowmobiling in the winter or camping, hiking and taking the side by side out in the summer. I look forward to being included in this highly professional group of employees and serving the consumers of Garland Light and Power.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

This program provides assistance for winter heating bills. It is available for the months of November through May. The State of Wyoming accepts applications from October 1st through February 28th each year. Benefits are based on household size, income and type of fuel used as the primary heating source.

Crisis Assistance: This is a one time per program year benefit available to persons who are facing an energy emergency. The benefit amount is based on the amount needed to resolve this crisis, up to a maximum of \$400. Crisis funds can be used for deposits on new accounts, LP tank sets, and back bills. Crisis assistance is available from October through the middle of April. Back bills prior November 1st are the clients responsibility.

For a LIEAP application, call 1-800-246-4221.



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