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# PREMA



**The office will be closed Monday, December 25th & Tuesday the 26th, as well as January 1st so our employees can celebrate Christmas and New Years with their families.**

PREMA Lineman, Tyler Trout, Received His Department of Labor Journeyman's Status.

*Congratulations!*



**Tyler Trout**

IN ORDER TO REACH JOURNEYMAN STATUS, AN APPRENTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO HAVE 8,000 HOURS OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING. IN ADDITION TO THAT, PREMA REQUIRES THEM TO COMPLETE AN ADDITIONAL LINEMAN JOB TRAINING AND SAFETY PROGRAM AS WELL AS PASS A TEST THAT IS TAILORED SPECIFICALLY TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PREMA SYSTEM AND SAFETY PROCEDURES. ON AVERAGE THIS TAKES AN APPRENTICE 3-4 YEARS TO COMPLETE.



**Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
and Subsidiaries**

**Scholarship Program  
Application – Member Cooperative**

Please complete the form below. Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be evaluated appropriately.

1. Name	Home Phone ( ) - ( ) - ( )	College Phone ( ) - ( ) - ( )	Last 4 digits of SS #:
2. Permanent (street) address:	(city)	(state)	(zip) Email:
3. Mother's Name:	Father's Name:		
4. Student's parent is:	<input type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative employee <input type="checkbox"/> Member cooperative consumer		
5. Co-op System Name:			
Co-op City / State / Zip:			
6. High School name and address from which you graduated or will graduate this spring:			
<b>7. ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS, OR HONORS</b>	_____ _____ _____		
Sending a resume' does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address, and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.			
<b>8. WORK EXPERIENCE</b>	Describe your work experience (e.g. food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, and office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.		
	<b>Employer/Position</b>	<b>From-Mo/Yr</b>	<b>To-Mo/Yr</b>
			<b>Hours per Week</b>
<b>9. GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS</b>	Write a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.		
	_____ _____ _____		
10. GPA _____			
ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Comp _____ SAT I: Verbal _____ Math _____			
High school seniors must include a transcript and complete this section. Students currently or previously entered in college or vocational-tech school must include college transcript of grades. Completion of ACT and/or SAT scores is not necessary.			
11. Name and address of accredited school you plan to attend in the fall of the year:			
			City _____ State _____
			City _____ State _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-yr College or University <input type="checkbox"/> 2-yr Community or Junior College <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational-Technical School			
12. What will your class status be this fall? <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior			
13. Major course of study:		Minors:	
<b>14. ESSAY QUESTION (Required)</b>	As part of the application, you are required to compose and submit an essay. The essay should be no more than one page, typed with a font size no smaller than 12 point, and double spaced on 8½ x 11 paper. Include your name on the top right hand corner of the essay.		
	<u>Student Essay Topic:</u> <b>What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think challenges should be addressed?</b>		
Student signature:		Date:	

<b>APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)</b>	<p><b>To the Applicant:</b> This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.</p> <p><b>To the Adult Appraiser:</b> You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.</p>			
The applicant's choice of a post-secondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
Comments _____				
_____				
_____				
Appraiser's Name _____		Title _____		Telephone ( ) _____
Signature _____		Organization _____		Date _____

### Scholarship Submittal Requirements

The student is responsible for submitting all materials on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

- 1. Complete this application (attach additional sheets if necessary). Your name and address should be on all attachments.
- 2. Recent academic transcript whether it be from a high school, college, university, or trade school.  
CURRENT COLLEGE FRESHMAN - Judges will screen and require more than one semester or quarter of grades. If this applies to you, submit your high school transcript.
- 3. Copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores. (Only college Freshmen)
- 4. **Essay- What challenges face rural electric cooperatives in the coming years and how do you think these challenges should be addressed? (Question #14)**
- 5. Applicant Appraisal.
- 6. Mail your complete application packet as directed below.

**Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 09, 2024**

**Please submit all applications to:**

**PREMA  
P.O. Box 677  
Alliance, NE 69301**

All scholarship entries are confidential and will only be viewed by PREMA, Chadron State College or the Basin Electric Power Cooperative scholarship committees. There are four scholarships available for qualified college sophomore, junior, senior or graduate students. Three scholarships are available to incoming college freshmen, and there is one scholarship available to a student planning to attend the WNCC Powerline Training School.

Repeat (if awarded last year) winners will only be considered if there are not enough non-repeat winners.

*When people come together, great things happen!*



Pictured above is PREMA Board President RD Sutphen and Rackett Rual Fire District Chief Chancy Groves

A joint donation was given to the Rackett Rual Fire District by PREMA and CoBank to purchase some much needed equipment.



PREMA Members,

PREMA was recently notified by Tri-State G&T, our electric provider, that we will be seeing an increase in the wholesale price. This increase along with other inflation factors will result in an increase impacting our members. We will communicate with the members over the next couple of months about the increases that will come into effect January 2024.

PREMA is a non for profit and we strive to keep the membership informed and involved in their association and to provide the highest standard of service.



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