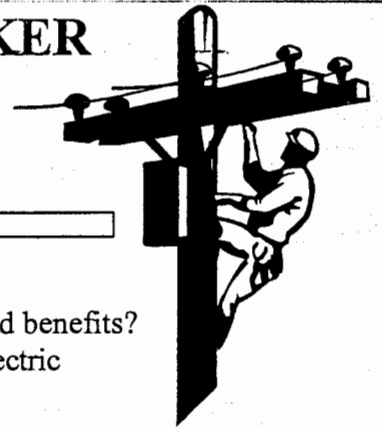




ELECTRICAL LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP



Do you want an exciting and rewarding career? Would you like a great salary and benefits? Then electrical linework may be for you. Lineworkers are the backbone of the electric utility industry.

What does an electrical lineworker do?

An electrical lineworker performs many different tasks in a variety of situations and areas. A lineworker may be climbing poles or operating aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25 to 200 feet above the ground, while the very next day they may be a hundred miles away erecting a substation, or digging trenches to string underground electric cable.

Lineworkers work outside in all kinds of weather, and sometimes risk their lives to keep our communities running. Occasionally, severe weather or accidents can knock out power to a community, and linemen may be needed at any hour to restore the power.

Linework has had a reputation of being hazardous, but improved training, equipment and materials have made the job very safe. Lineworkers who develop strong safety habits limit their exposure to accidents even more.



What kind of wages does an electric lineworker earn?

Lineworkers earn excellent wages. After graduation from an accredited training program, an apprentice lineworker can earn a starting wage of \$10 to \$18 per hour plus overtime, and within a few years, a journeyman lineworker can earn \$19 to \$25 per hour, plus overtime.

A typical lineworker benefit plan can include medical insurance, a pension plan, life insurance, and a retirement savings plan.

What career opportunities exist for electric lineworkers?

WREA members are committed to encouraging men and women to consider career opportunities at Wyoming electric cooperatives. A career with an electric cooperative makes it possible for people to live, work and raise their families in Wyoming.

Electric lines and facilities are maintained, replaced and expanded at an ever-increasing rate, creating a strong need for highly trained, qualified workers. Many experienced lineworkers are reaching retirement age, creating a need for new apprentices who can look forward to a challenging and rewarding career with excellent advancement opportunities.

The Wyoming Rural Electric Association Lineworker Scholarship Program

The WREA lineworker scholarship program is intended to help qualified individuals from Wyoming complete an approved regional lineworker training program, learn the basics of linework and become an apprentice lineworker. The scholarship is available to all qualified applicants, recent high school graduates and older "non-traditional" students, interested in a career in the electric industry.

To be qualified for the scholarship you must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) while you are enrolled in a lineworker training program. The \$3,000 scholarship will be paid over the course of the program.

Along with the scholarship application form, you must also submit a resume detailing your employment experience and education (if you have been in school within the last three years) to your local electric co-op. Once your application and resume are reviewed you will undergo an interview process much like you would if you were applying for employment.

Lineworker training programs fill up fast. The scholarship recipient will be notified by May 1. The recipient must then immediately begin the application process to an approved regional lineworker training program for enrollment in the fall semester.

So what are you waiting for???

Read the enclosed information and submit your application, resume and a transcript of grades (if applicable) to your local co-op today! Your information must be received before March 1st so do not delay!

Send your information to the Wyoming electric cooperative nearest you.



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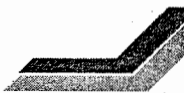
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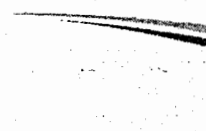
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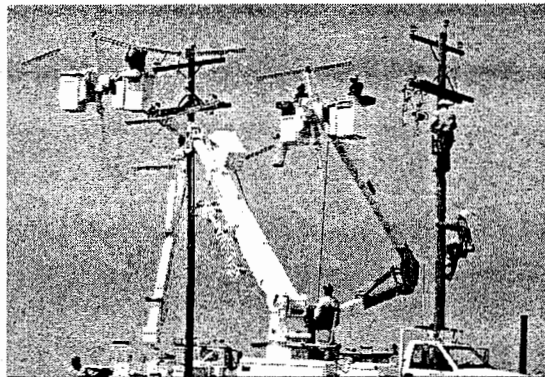


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Charles Witte, Manager



Electrical Lineworker Duties and Responsibilities

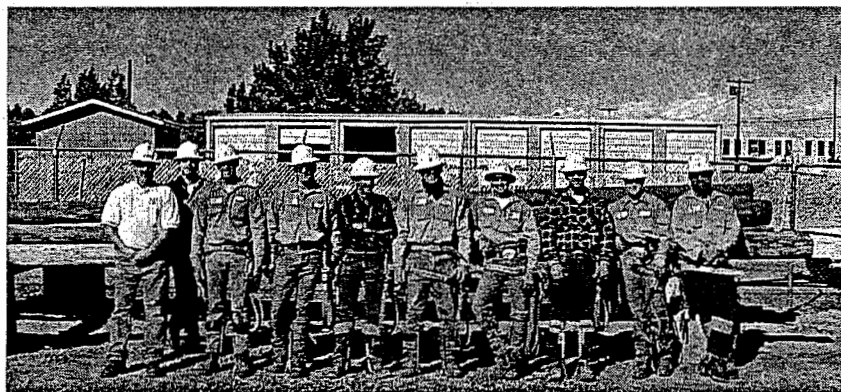


The WREA Lineworker Scholarship program is intended to send individuals to an accredited lineworker training program to learn basics of linework, some of which are listed below, and for the individual to become an apprentice lineworker. An apprentice lineworker must have 8,000 hours (4 years) of actual supervised work experience and pass a series of exams during the apprenticeship before becoming a journeyman lineworker. Some hours from training programs may be credited to an individual's apprenticeship.

A Lineworker:

- Installs, maintains, and repairs electrical distribution and transmission systems, including assembling and erecting substations, placing poles and towers, stringing wire and cable, installing insulators, transformers and other equipment, as well as maintaining all of these facilities and equipment.
- Inspects and tests overhead and underground power lines and cables using specialized electrical testing equipment, and can troubleshoot these systems.
- Climbs poles or operates aerial lifts when working aloft on poles and towers.
- Splices, repairs and installs conductors and wiring.
- Learns and applies safe practices and procedures, and understands and follows all safety requirements and regulations.
- Communicates effectively with other workers to coordinate work assignments; this includes effectively communicating technical information effectively.
- May work in confined spaces such as trenches and tunnels to install and maintain power lines and cables.
- Must be able to work as part of a team.

Linework is a challenging and rewarding career. It is always interesting and often physically demanding. At the end of the day, lineworkers can take pride in a job well done. Duties can vary from day to day and so can the location, but the camaraderie among lineworkers is constant.





Electrical Lineworker Scholarship Program

Approved Regional Lineworker Programs and How Much They Cost*

College	Program Length	ESTIMATED EXPENSES									
		Non-Resident Tuition & Fees	Book Expense	Tool Expense	Misc. Supplies Expense	Housing Costs	CDL Fee	Physical Exam	Total Estimated Expenses		
Bismarck State College Electrical Lineworker Program PO Box 5587, 1500 Edwards Avenue Bismarck, ND 58506 Phone: 800-445-5073 www.bismarckstate.com	2 Semesters: Fall & Spring (August-May)	\$4,668 Based on 18 credit hours per semester.	\$670	\$1,500	\$100	\$4,000 Apartment or room rent for 10 months, does not include meals.	\$95	\$75	\$11,108		
Mesa State College Electrical Lineworker Program PO Box 2647 Grand Junction, CO 81502 Phone: 970-248-1020 www.mesastate.edu	2 Semesters: Fall & Spring (August-May)	\$4,164 Based on 14 to 21 credit hours per semester.	\$132	\$800	\$100	\$6,267 Double dorm room with unlimited cafeteria access.	\$350	\$75	\$11,888		
Mitchell Technical Institute Powerline Construction & Maintenance 821 North Capital Mitchell, SD 57301 Phone: 605-995-3025; 800-952-0042 http://mti.tec.sd.us	2 Semesters: Fall & Spring (August-May)	\$4,482 Based on 36 total credit hours.	\$400	\$600	\$100	\$2,250 Apartment or room rent for 10 months, does not include meals.	\$1,000	\$75	\$8,907		
Northeast Community College Utility Line Course 801 East Benjamin Avenue PO Box 469 Norfolk, NE 68702 Phone: 402-371-2020 http://www.northeastcollege.com	Two Years: Associate Degree	\$5,900 Based on total hours in program and estimated T/F.	\$1,400	\$1,600	\$100	\$8,900 Dorm room with 14 cafeteria meals per week.	\$95	\$75	\$18,070		
Selland College Of Applied Technology Electrical Lineworker Technical Program Boise State University 2221 NW Eight Street Meridian, ID 83642 Phone: 208-888-9326 http://selland.boisestate.edu	2 Semesters: Fall & Spring (August-May)	\$9,871 Flat Rate	\$367	\$1,551	\$100	\$6,000 Double dorm room with 19 cafeteria meals per week.	\$95	\$75	\$18,059		
Utah Valley State College** Lineman Technology 800 West University Parkway Orem, UT 84058 Phone: 801-863-4636 www.uvsc.edu	2 & 4 Years Associate & Bachelor Degrees	\$11,844 Full time tuition and fees for 4 semesters.	\$500	\$1,300	\$200	\$6,000 Apartment rent for 20 mos. College student discount applied.	\$95	\$75	\$20,014		

* All program expenses and program lengths are estimates, and should only be used to give a general idea of what expense and time would be involved with an electrical lineworker program. Figures reflect 2003/2004 costs. (Revised 12/01/03). **Reflects 2000/2001 estimated costs.



Electrical Lineworker Scholarship Application

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE MARCH 1st

Send application, resume and a transcript of grades (if applicable) to your local electric cooperative.

In addition to the information below, the applicant may also provide a resume detailing experience, employment experience and duties, specialized skills, and references. The applicant must also provide a transcript of grades from any educational institution attended within the past three (3) years.

Required Information *(Please Print)*

Name			Date of Birth	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	MM/DD/YYYY	
Address				
Street or PO Box		City	State	Zip Code
Telephone Number ()	Email Address		Social Security Number	

- Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO
 If no, are you prevented from lawfully becoming employed in this country because of Visa or Immigration Status? YES NO
Proof of citizenship or immigration status will be required upon enrollment.
- Do you have a valid driver's license? YES NO
- Are you at least 18 years of age? YES NO
- Have you received your high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate? YES NO
- Are you currently enrolled in high school, college, or technical school? YES NO
- Have you ever been employed by an electric cooperative? YES NO
- Do you have prior experience as a lineworker? (Please explain) YES NO
- Are you willing to relocate to attend a training school? YES NO
- Have you been convicted of a felony within the last 7 years? If yes, please explain. YES NO
Conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from consideration.

Applicant's Statement

I agree to apply for any apprentice lineworker position that is open at a Wyoming electric cooperative upon completion of the lineworker program.

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary for scholarship

In the event I receive the scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or interview(s) may result in forfeit of the scholarship. I understand, also, that I am required to abide by all scholarship regulations as outlined by the Wyoming Rural Electric Association's Board of Directors.

Signature of Applicant

Date

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

School Name			
Graduation Date (MM/YY)			
Address			
Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip Code

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

School Name			
Address			
Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip Code
School Name			
Address			
Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip Code

Intended major or field of study _____

Anticipated date of graduation _____

WORK EXPERIENCE: Describe your work experience during the past four years. Indicate dates of employment in each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Position and Company/Organization

From Mo/Yr - To Mo/YR

Hrs. per Week

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GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS: Write a paragraph describing your educational plans as they relate to your career objectives and future goals in the electric energy industry. Additional sheet may be used.

REFERENCES: List the names of the non-relatives who will serve as your references.

_____ Name	_____ Relationship (teacher, clergy, employers)	_____ Phone Number
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TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION: Applicants must submit an official high school transcript. College freshman, sophomores and juniors must also submit a current and official college transcript.

The completed application and an official transcript must be received no later than March 1st.