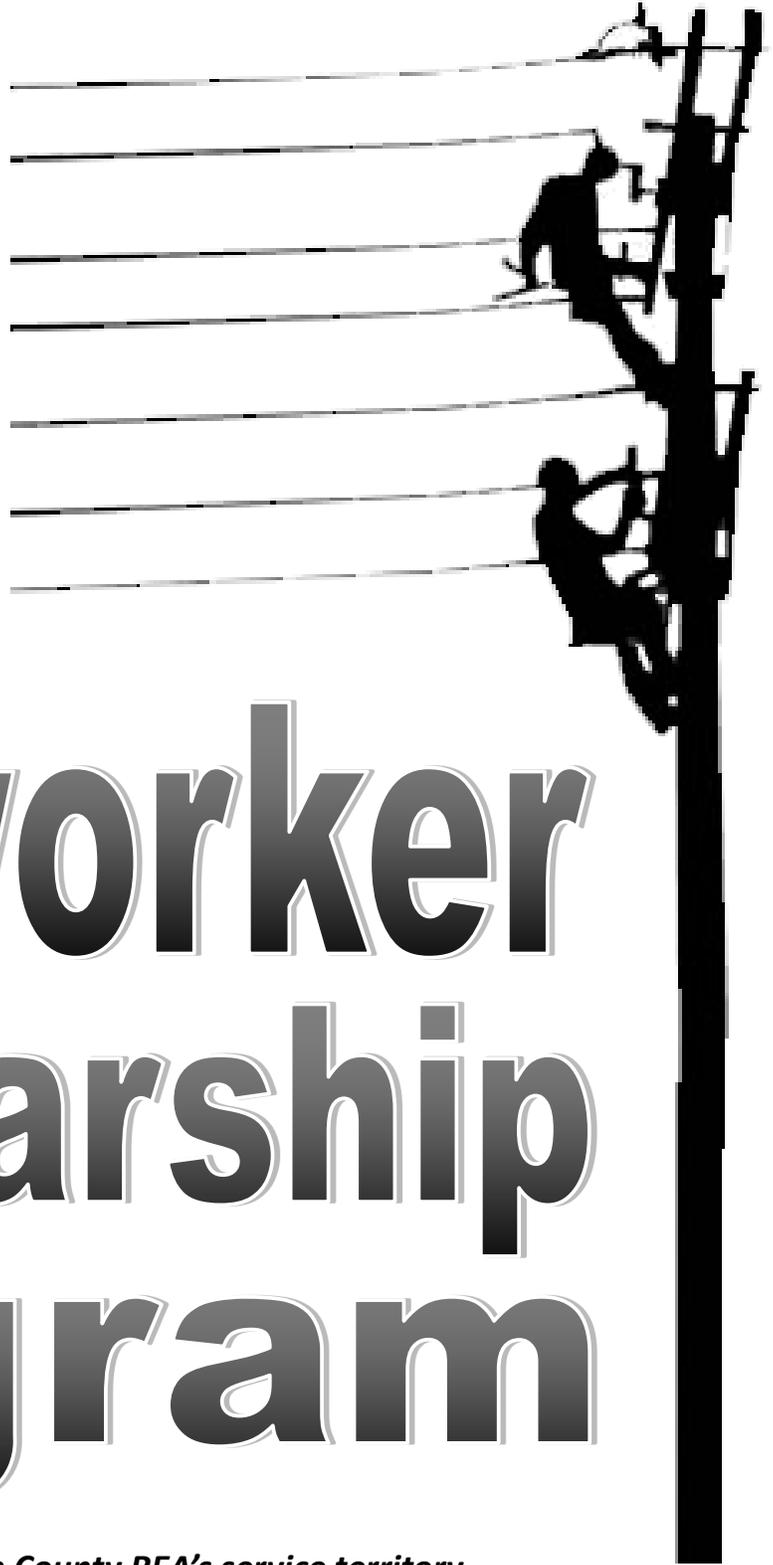




MORGAN COUNTY REA

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



Lineworker Scholarship Program

*Applicant must reside in Morgan County REA's service territory
to be considered for the MCREA Lineworker Scholarship*

Application deadline - March 1, 2019

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer



APPLICATION PACKET

Morgan County REA Electrical Line Worker Scholarship

Do you want an exciting career? Would you like a great salary and benefits? Then electrical line work may be for you. Line workers are the backbone of the electric utility industry.

What does an electrical line worker do?

An electrical line worker performs many different tasks in a variety of situations. For instance, line workers 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.

Line workers 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 line workers may be needed at any hour of the day or night to restore the power.

What kind of wages does an electric line worker earn?

Line workers earn excellent wages. After graduation from an accredited training program, an apprentice line worker can generally earn a starting wage of more than \$25 per hour plus overtime. After four years, a journeyman line worker can generally earn around \$40 per hour, plus overtime.

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

What career opportunities exist for electric line workers?

Morgan County REA is committed to encouraging men and women to consider career opportunities in the electric utility industry, especially in cooperatives. Careers with an electric cooperative make it possible for people to live, work and raise their families in rural America communities.

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

Line worker training programs fill up quickly. It's never too early to begin the application process. The Morgan County REA Line Worker Scholarship is designed to help qualified individuals become trained apprentice line workers. The application and information are attached.



Electrical Lineworker Duties and Responsibilities

The MCREA 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 8000 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.
- ◆ 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.



MCREA Electrical Line Worker Scholarship Guidelines

Objective: To encourage, promote and educate electric line workers for enduring and rewarding careers

Availability: Morgan County REA Line Worker Scholarship(s) will be awarded to applicants selected by the Line Worker Scholarship Committee. ***Applicant must reside within the boundaries of MCREA's service area in order to be considered.***

- Scholarships are in the amount of \$5,000 each
- Scholarship applicants may be any person interested in a career in electric line work that will or has completed high school or its equivalent prior to attending power line school. ***There are no age limits or requirements to apply.***

Selection Process: Morgan County REA Line Worker Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications which are submitted by the due date of March 1, 2019. ***Applicants must meet scholarship requirements in order to be considered. In addition to the application, candidates will be required to participate in an interview process.*** Applicants will be scored on the following criteria: experience, job knowledge, education, motivation, expression, appearance and overall impression.

Applications must include the following:

1. Completed Electrical Line Worker Scholarship Application
2. Education and Work Experience Data Sheet
3. High School and/or College Transcripts

Application materials must be delivered to the MCREA office (734 Barlow Road, Fort Morgan) or postmarked to the following address by March 1, 2019:

MCREA Line Worker Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 738
Fort Morgan, CO 80701-0738

Payment: The scholarship payment will be made directly to the school of choice upon the student's enrollment in one of the approved line worker training programs. The scholarship will be divided equally over each semester of the program. Verification of enrollment and GPA must be sent to MCREA Line Worker Scholarship Committee upon completion of each semester in order for subsequent scholarship fund payments to be made.

No further scholarship money will be awarded in the event the student fails to complete the program or fails to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Post-School Employment: Scholarship recipients are in no way guaranteed or required to be employed at Morgan County REA upon completion of training.

Morgan County REA Electrical Line Worker Scholarship Application

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED BEFORE MARCH 1, 2019

APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERVIEW PRIOR TO SELECTION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

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
Contact Phone Number		Email Address		

- 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 reside within MCREA's service area boundaries? YES NO
- 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
- Are you currently employed? YES NO
 If yes, may we contact your employer? 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 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 consideration.

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 Morgan County 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.

<u>Position and Company/Organization</u>	<u>From Mo/Yr - To Mo/YR</u>	<u>Hrs. per Week</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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.
