

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 17, 2023

About Pioneer Electric

Pioneer Electric Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 12,000 homes and businesses.

We were founded more than 85 years ago to meet the needs of the underserved people of rural Alabama.

- **We believe in putting members first.**
- **Our goal is to improve the quality of life for those we serve.**
- **We understand our members' needs go beyond just electricity.**

Pioneer Electric puts the needs of our members first, safely delivering reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost to the communities we serve.

We also invest in our communities through programs like Youth Tour, helping build a brighter future for the communities we serve.



Electrical Lineworker Careers

Do you want an exciting career with a great salary and benefits? Electrical line work may be the career for you.

What does an electrical lineworker do?

An electrical lineworker performs different tasks in a variety of situations. For instance, lineworkers often climb poles or operate aerial lift devices to work on overhead power lines 30-90 feet above the ground. They may also string wire, install devices, erect poles, drive heavy equipment and restore power after storms.

What kind of wages do electrical lineworkers earn?

Lineworkers earn competitive salaries and often have the opportunity to work overtime. A typical lineworker benefit plan

can include medical insurance, retirement benefits, life insurance and paid time off.

What career opportunities exist for electrical lineworkers?

Pioneer Electric encourages young men and women to consider career opportunities within the electric utility industry, especially with cooperatives. Electric lines and facilities are built, maintained and replaced at an ever-increasing rate. This creates a strong need for highly trained and 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 Application Process

To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a candidate for graduation from an accredited high school in Butler, Dallas, Lowndes or Wilcox Counties of Alabama. Homeschooled students must be the dependent of a Pioneer Electric Cooperative member and reside at their primary residence.

Applicants must complete the enclosed application and submit all required documents.

An independent committee will select scholarship winners. Two students will each be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to attend an accredited 15-week lineworker training program of their choice.



Applications must be received by February 17, 2023

Mail completed applications to:

Electric Cooperative Foundation, Inc.
ATTN: Pioneer Electric Lineworker Scholarship
P.O. Box 244014
Montgomery, AL 36124

TWO
\$5,000
SCHOLARSHIPS

RECIPIENTS MUST ATTEND A
15-WEEK
TRAINING PROGRAM

PIONEER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Last 4 Digits of SSN _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Pioneer Electric Account Number (if applicable) _____ Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

ABOUT YOU

Name of High School Attending _____ City _____

Expected Date of Graduation _____ High School GPA _____

Lineworker School You Plan to Attend _____ City/State _____

Date You Expect to Begin Lineworker School _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? YES NO

Are you currently employed? YES NO

Employer _____

Are you willing to relocate to attend a training school? YES NO

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Tell us about your participation and/or membership in community organizations or school activities (for example: church, sports, clubs, volunteer work, etc.). Attach additional pages if needed.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Tell us about your current and past work experience. Attach additional pages if needed.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LINEWORKER?

Tell us why you are interested in a career as a lineworker. (100-250 words). Attach additional pages if needed.

The application (and all attachments hereto) must be signed, completed and submitted to the Foundation at P.O. Box 244014, Montgomery, AL 36124, by **February 17, 2023**. If an applicant fails to complete the entire application or fails to submit all of the items in the format requested hereunder by the deadline date, the application will not be considered for any purpose or under any circumstances with respect to the scholarships of the Foundation.

Please note that the application must be signed by both the student applying for the scholarship and the parent/guardian of the applicant and, if either of such signatures is not on the application, the application will be considered incomplete and not considered in the application process.

The application with all required attachments and submissions must be received at the Foundation office no later than February 17, 2023. NO POSTMARKS.

The Foundation does not, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion or national origin or on any other basis in either the application process or in the consideration and granting of the scholarships provided by the Foundation.

By submitting the application package and the attachments and submissions relating to the application, the applicant and his or her parent/guardian signing the application are certifying that the information submitted is true and correct and the applicant and his or her parent are agreeing to the scholarship conditions set forth below.

SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions on which the scholarships are to be made for the 2023 scholarship year are as follows:

1. The scholarships shall be transmitted to the accredited school selected by the scholarship recipient.
2. The scholarships are granted only to graduating high school seniors.
3. The scholarships shall be announced and awarded in the spring prior to the recipient's graduation, but are contingent and subject to the scholarship recipient graduating from high school and passing any required graduation exam.
4. The one-time scholarship will be available for use by the student for the immediate academic year following the student's high school graduation.
5. The scholarship will be paid by the Foundation directly to the educational institution for credit to the student's account at the institution with notification of receipt to be received from the educational institution.
6. To qualify for the scholarship, the student must attend an accredited 15-week electrical lineworker training program of the scholarship recipient's choice, provided that such school chosen is an approved institution.
7. In order for the scholarship funds to be received to the benefit of the scholarship recipient, the student must enroll on a full-time basis at the institution selected, which full-time status must be certified to by the institution. Failure to qualify as a full-time student will result in a rescission of the scholarship with the funds being returned from the institution to the Foundation. There are no exceptions to this rule, and except as determined by the Foundation on a nondiscriminatory basis, there will be no deferral of enrollment.
8. To qualify for the scholarship, the applicant must be a candidate for graduation from an accredited high school in Butler, Dallas, Lowndes or Wilcox Counties of Alabama. Homeschooled students must be the dependent of a Pioneer Electric Cooperative member and reside at their primary residence.
9. The scholarships will not be awarded solely based on need, nor will need be a predominate basis upon which any determination is made.
10. Scholarship recipients are in no way guaranteed employment at Pioneer Electric Cooperative upon completion of training. However, those who complete a lineworker training program are encouraged to apply for advertised positions.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

We, the undersigned individuals, the applicant and a parent/guardian of the applicant, by signing below authorize the release of any and all academic information from _____ (Name of High School) and do hereby authorize the guidance counselor and principal of such high school to discuss such information with the Foundation.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have each read the entire application package and do hereby certify that we understand the contents of the application package. Also, by signing below, we each certify that the information provided in the application and each of the attachments submitted with the application are true and correct. If any of the information provided in the application or any of the attachments is found not to be true and correct, the applicant will be immediately disqualified and, if any scholarship has been awarded, such scholarship shall be rescinded.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

About Operation Round Up

Operation Round Up is funded by Pioneer Electric members who voluntarily round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. All funds stay in the community to benefit local organizations and individuals.

Operation Round Up focuses on providing food, shelter, healthcare, education and public safety

support to Butler, Dallas, Lowndes and Butler Counties. Its mission is to improve the lives of our neighbors in the communities served by Pioneer Electric Cooperative.

Since the program was launched in 2021, Operation Round Up has awarded more than \$120,000 in grant funding.

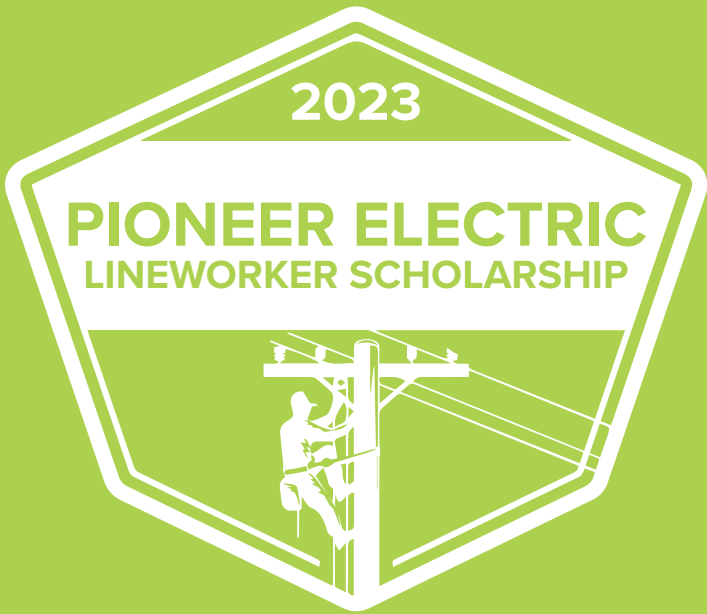


Checklist

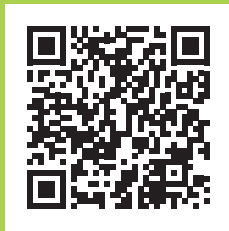
High school transcript

Two letters of recommendation
(can be from teacher, employer or personal acquaintance)

Copy of driver's license



MORE INFO:



QUESTIONS?

Contact Christi Scruggs at
(334) 382-4904 or
cscruggs@pioneerelectric.com

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Greenville, Alabama 36037

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