

The "LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship" is one of eight scholarships awarded annually as part of the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. For additional information on all of the scholarships, please go to [www.aiec.coop](http://www.aiec.coop).

To contribute to the scholarship program, checks should be made payable to:

**"ICCSF/IEC Memorial  
Scholarship Fund"**

and mailed to

**P. O. Box 3787  
Springfield, IL 62708.**

Memorial gifts should list the person in whose memory the gift is given. All contributions by individuals are tax-deductible.



*Mitch Stanciu (left) of Newton, Illinois, is pictured receiving the inaugural LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship from Mr. McEntire on July 28, 2011 in Springfield, Illinois.*

# **LAVERN AND NOLA MCENTIRE LINEWORKER'S SCHOLARSHIP**



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## What is the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship?

This \$1250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL. It was awarded for the first time in 2011.

LaVern McEntire served from 1949 to 1991 as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Macomb, IL. LaVern took great pride in being a lineman for over 42 years. He and his wife, Nola, made a generous contribution to endow the new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers, ready to "step forward" and move on in this field. LaVern and Nola feel strongly about "giving back" and hope that future lineworkers will enjoy the work as much as LaVern did.



*Nola and LaVern McEntire*

## Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

One scholarship a year will be awarded to an individual who is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in the State of Illinois; or is the son or daughter of an electric cooperative member in Illinois; or has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard. The applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED at the time the scholarship is awarded. **(Please see the "LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship Official Rules & Regulations" sheet for all eligibility requirements.)**

## How are the recipients selected?

Scholarships are awarded based on an essay, a biographical statement, references, and a recommendation that will be submitted.

## How does someone apply?

To apply, the applicant must meet the required criteria as outlined in the "Official Rules & Regulations" and complete the scholarship application available from the local electric cooperative office. Each applicant is responsible for submitting all information required to apply for a scholarship and for returning the application to the local electric cooperative by **April 30, 2012**.

For information on the electrical distribution lineworker programs at Lincoln Land Community College, please contact: Roger Larkin, Manager of Lineworker & Apprentice Development, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, PO Box 3787, Springfield, IL 62712. Phone: 217/241-7932. E-mail: [rlarkin@aiec.coop](mailto:rlarkin@aiec.coop).



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## **Official Rules & Regulations**

- One scholarship in the amount of \$1,250 will be awarded each year.
- Scholarship applicant must be
  - A relative of an employee or director of an AIEC member electric cooperative (“Relative” is defined as son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, niece, nephew, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, cousin, uncle or aunt); or
  - A son or daughter of an AIEC electric cooperative member/consumer (who resides in Illinois and is currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted); or
  - A Veteran (defined broadly as someone who has served or is currently serving at the time of application, in the active military, naval, or air service, or their Reserve components, including the National and Air National Guard, and was not dishonorably discharged).
- Scholarship winner must begin the program within a year of receiving the award.
- Scholarships are for one year and winners are allowed to reapply.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on a short essay, biographical statement, references and recommendations.
- Deadline for receipt of complete applications and submissions is April 30, 2012.
- Scholarship winner will be notified by July 1, 2012.
- Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant for tuition, fees and required equipment in attending Lincoln Land Community College Electrical Distribution Lineman programs (Electrical Distribution Lineman Maintenance Certificate; and Electrical Distribution Lineman Associates in Applied Science).



## LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship Application

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:** Complete the entire application. You may attach a resume, but you must still complete all questions or your application will be deemed incomplete and may not be considered. Please fill out each box (please don't just indicate "See Resume"). You may attach a separate sheet of paper with your responses if needed.

**Please Print or Type**

Name (Last, First, Middle):		Other names under which you have attended school or been employed:
Street Address:	City, State & Zip:	
Home and/or Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	E-mail Address:
Are you a citizen of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If NO, are you prevented from lawfully becoming employed in this country because of VISA or Immigration status?
Are you 18 years of age or older?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If NO, what is your current age?
Have received your high school diploma or your GED certificate?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, name of High school, City/State, and Year of Graduation?
Are you currently employed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, where and what is your job title?
Are you related to any electric cooperative employee/director?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, their name, which electric cooperative and their relationship to you?
Are you the son or daughter of a member of an electric cooperative?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, which electric cooperative?
Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces or National Guard, or are currently serving?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, please provide details, including what branch, dates and locations of service, etc.
Are you willing to relocate to attend a training school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Do you have a valid driver's license?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, have you obtained your CDL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Do you have prior experience as a lineworker?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, please explain.
Have you any experience in the electric utility field of work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, please explain.
Have you been convicted of a felony? (Conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant from consideration)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, please explain.
How did you learn about this scholarship opportunity? Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> High school <input type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Land Community College <input type="checkbox"/> Electric Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Center <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

**BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT:** Write a brief biographical statement that includes your goals, financial need and other pertinent information about yourself that you feel is important. The biographical statement should be typewritten and double-spaced, and attached to the application. Please do not make any reference to name, county, or home location.

**ESSAY:** Please attach a brief statement (100 words or less) on why you want to become an electric lineworker.

**RECOMMENDATION:** From a high school principal or former supervisor.  
(Please attach the recommendation)

**REFERENCES:** Please list the names of two non-relatives who will serve as your references.

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Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

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Name

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Phone Number

**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Please list your work experience for the last four years. Begin with your current or most recent employer. Attach additional sheets if necessary. Omission of prior employment may be considered falsification of information. Include full-time military or volunteer commitments. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) reserves the right to contact all current and former employers for reference purposes.

Position and Company/ Organization	From Month/Year -- To Month/Year	Hours per week

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND INITIAL THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:**

**Please initial**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that upon graduation I must apply for work at a rural electric cooperative in the State of Illinois for the duration of at least one year (if a position is available).

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I do not follow through with the scholarship regulations as outlined by the AIEC I am required to repay, in full, the scholarship amount.

\_\_\_\_\_ In the event I receive the scholarship, I authorize the AIEC to publish my name and/or picture in future promotions of the LaVerne and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the AIEC may inquire about information in my application; my status in the lineman program; and my obligation to work at a rural electric cooperative in Illinois for one year following my completion of the lineman program at Lincoln Land Community College.

I/we have examined this application, including accompanying submissions, and to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicant is under the age of 18)