



## **About the IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund**

### **What is the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Fund?**

The IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) in January, 1994. It is designed to provide financial assistance to deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.”

The “driving force” behind creation of the fund was Thomas H. Moore, long-time Executive Vice President and General Manager of the AIEC. Mr. Moore, who retired in January, 1994, strongly believed that a fund and scholarship program should be established to provide a means by which cooperatives and individuals could honor deceased members of the electric cooperative family through memorial gifts. The scholarship program was re-named in honor of Mr. Moore after he passed away in 2008.

The scholarship program prospered under the leadership of Earl W. Struck, who succeeded Mr. Moore and served as President/CEO of the AIEC from 1994 to his retirement in 2006. Mr. Struck passed away in August 2007. The AIEC Board of Directors that month unanimously voted to honor Mr. Struck’s memory by naming the annual scholarship awarded to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative employee or director the “Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship.”

The Illinois Community College System Foundation (ICCSF) administers the IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ten scholarships are awarded each year.

The “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship” was awarded for the first time in 2011. LaVern McEntire served as a co-op lineman for over 42 years. He and his wife, Nola, endowed this new scholarship to assist students in attending the lineworker’s school at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL. For eligibility requirements, please see the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship Official Rules and Regulations.”

PLEASE NOTE: The remainder of this brochure deals with the other nine (i.e., non-lineworker) scholarships included in the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program.

### **How much is the scholarship?**

Each annual scholarship is now worth \$2,000. The scholarship must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter college within a year from the time the scholarship is issued.

## **Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?**

Five scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an electric cooperative member who resides in Illinois and is receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

A sixth scholarship – the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship – will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an electric cooperative employee or director who resides in Illinois. A scholarship applicant is eligible for consideration in only one of the above two categories, and is eligible to apply through only one electric cooperative.

The applicant must be a high school senior who is planning to enroll in a full-time (at least 12 hours) undergraduate course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school in the United States.

Three scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior who will be enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college. Sons and daughters of electric cooperative members, employees and directors who reside in Illinois are eligible to apply.

For full eligibility requirements, please see the “Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program Official Rules.”

## **How are the recipients selected?**

Scholarships are awarded based on grade point average, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, biographical statement and knowledge of electric cooperatives, as demonstrated by a short essay.

## **How does someone apply?**

To apply, a student must meet the required criteria 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 December 31, 2017.

## **How can contributions to the IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund be made?**

Checks should be made payable to:

“ICCSF/IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund”  
ATTN: Lisa Brammer  
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.*



## THOMAS H. MOORE ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (IEC) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OFFICIAL RULES

A total of ten \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded each year under the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Program. These “Official Rules” will govern the award of all the scholarships except for the tenth scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship” (for that scholarship, please see the separate sheet entitled “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship Official Rules & Regulations”). Five scholarships will be awarded to students who are the sons or daughters of an electric cooperative member who resides in Illinois or who is a member of an Illinois electric cooperative, and who is currently receiving services from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted. A sixth scholarship, the “Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship,” will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an electric cooperative employee or director who resides in Illinois.

A scholarship applicant is eligible for consideration in only one of the two above categories. The above six scholarships may be used for educational costs at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university in the United States, including vocational/technical schools. The remaining three scholarships will be reserved for use at a two-year Illinois community college. Sons and daughters of electric cooperative members, employees and directors who reside in Illinois are eligible.

- ❖ Applicants are eligible to apply through only one electric cooperative.
- ❖ The applicant must be a high school senior.
- ❖ The electric cooperative through which a scholarship applicant applies must be a member of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.
- ❖ Scholarship winners must begin undergraduate studies within a year of being notified that they have won.
- ❖ Scholarship winners will be expected to be “full time” students (at least 12 hours).
- ❖ Scholarships are for one year and are not renewable.
- ❖ Scholarships will be awarded based on grade point average, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, biographical statement and knowledge of electric cooperatives as demonstrated by a short essay.
- ❖ Deadline for receipt of completed applications and submissions is DECEMBER 31, 2017.
- ❖ Scholarship winners will be announced early April 2018.



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# THOMAS H. MOORE ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES (IEC) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Route

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip code

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Cooperative \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

High School Awards Ceremony Date \_\_\_\_\_

H.S. Grade Point Average (100 Point Scale) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(e.g. if your school uses a 4 point scale, multiply your G.P.A. by 25; if your school uses a 5 point scale, multiply your G.P.A. by 20)*

Most Recent S.A.T. and/or A.C.T. Score \_\_\_\_\_  
S.A.T. A.C.T.

Please put an "X" in the boxes if the statement is applicable:

- I am the son or daughter of an electric cooperative member who is currently receiving services from the cooperative.
- I am the son or daughter of an electric cooperative employee or director.
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**I intend to enroll at a two-year Illinois community college.**

## Work and Volunteer Experience

List positions held, for what time period, and whether volunteer or for-pay. Please do not make any reference to name, county, or home location. (Additional information can be attached.)

## Participation in School and Community Activities

List activities (both school and non-school) in which you have participated, along with years of membership or participation. Please do not make any reference to name, county, or home location. (Additional information can be attached.)

**Organization or Activity**

**No. Years**

**Offices Held**

## Biographical Statement

Write a brief biographical statement (approximately 250 words or less) that includes your educational goals, financial need and other pertinent information about yourself that you feel is important. The biographical statement should be typewritten and double-spaced on a single page and attached to the application. Please do not make any reference to name, county, or home location.

Please submit an essay of 500 words or less in your own words. The essay should be on ONE of the following topics:

- *Explain the difference between an electric cooperative and an investor-owned utility, and share what would be some advantages to the cooperative business model.*
- *With each new census, rural representation in Congress and state legislation decreases. In light of this, how can rural residents ensure that their collective rural “voice” is heard?*
- *What can Illinois electric cooperatives do to expand economic development opportunities in rural Illinois?*

## Statement of Applicant and Parent or Guardian

**We have examined this application, including accompanying submissions, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

Deadline for receipt of completed applications and required submissions is December 31, 2017.