



# Power Lines

DECEMBER 2020

## New deadlines set for 2021 scholarships

Powder River Energy Corporation facilitates many scholarships for eligible high school and post-secondary students from northeast Wyoming.

To apply for any of the scholarships, students must satisfy the required criteria and complete the scholarship application. Updated 2021 scholarship information is available online at: [www.precorp.coop/student-scholarships](http://www.precorp.coop/student-scholarships).

Descriptions and deadlines for some of the scholarships follow:

### Basin Electric Scholarship - \$1,000

Applicant's parents or legal guardians must be PRECorp members. One student from the PRECorp membership service territory may be chosen. Another is nominated for consideration for the Members 1st selection.

**The filing deadline for the Basin Electric Power Scholarship is February 1, 2021.**

### Powder River Energy Corporation/Foundation Scholarship - \$1,500

Open to qualifying seniors and post-secondary students from 14 high schools and up to 5 at-large students in its service territory. Applicant's parents or legal guardians must be active PRECorp members. **The deadline for Powder River Energy Corporation Scholarship is March 1, 2021.**

### PRECorp Line Scholarship-\$3,000+

The PRECorp Lineman Scholarship is available to qualifying applicants who plan to attend an approved lineworker training program. Awards begin at \$3,000, but can be more. **There is no filing deadline, and applications are accepted year-round.**

### Kathleen Tavegie Scholarship

Open to a Weston County High School senior planning to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. The amount of the scholarship is determined by the funds available.

**The filing deadline for the Tavegie Scholarship is March 1, 2021.**

### Geis Family Scholarship

Awards range from \$400 to \$1,000 to qualifying seniors from Coal Country FFA or Gillette FFA in Campbell County, who are pursuing careers benefiting the agriculture industry. The deadline for the Barb and Bill Geis Memorial Scholarship is **March 1, 2021.**

### WREA Lineman Scholarships

The Wyoming Rural Electric Association offers various scholarships for prospective linemen. They include the Hackworth Scholarship and the Adkins Scholarship. Go to [www.wyomingrea.org](http://www.wyomingrea.org) for more information. **There is no filing deadline and applications are accepted year-round.**

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**Free 75th Anniversary Books while supplies last!**  
**PRECorp members: Take home a free 75th Anniversary Book when you visit one of our member service offices in Sundance, Gillette, or Sheridan. Learn more about the history of your cooperative from noted local historian Shelly Ritthaler. The book is filled with unique stories and images from across northeast Wyoming.**



## Did You Know?

Powder River Energy has retired \$75.8 million to consumer-members since 2004 - \$13.2 million in 2020 alone.

Because electric cooperatives operate at cost, any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated and retired to consumer-members in the form of capital credits.

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**\$13.2**  
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2020

A capital credit retirement or "refund" will be processed in December 2020. This general retirement returns a portion of the money members paid for electric usage during select years. Many Powder River Energy members will receive a credit on their bill or a check in the mail as a result. Call 1-800-442-3630 for more information.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Energy bills can increase during winter for a variety of reasons, like houseguests, more time spent at home, and shorter days and longer nights. Small actions, like turning down your thermostat, replacing old bulbs with LEDs and washing clothes in cold water can help you save.



## Holiday office closings:

The PRECorp offices will be closed for the following holidays:



**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day,  
Thursday & Friday,  
Dec. 24 & 25**



**New Year's Day,  
Friday, Jan. 1**



**Presidents Day,  
Monday, Feb. 15;  
(Employee Meeting)**

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