



What is the 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 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 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.



How much is the scholarship?

The IEC Memorial Scholarship program will award seven scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each. 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?

A total of seven scholarships a year will be awarded.

Four 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 fifth 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.

The sixth and seventh 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 "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 January 1, 2009.



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

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.



IEC Memorial Scholarship Recipients

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- 2000** Lauren C. Hottes, *Pinckneyville, IL*
Jonathan White, *Kinderhook, IL*
Brandon Fisher, *Winchester, IL*
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- 2001** Debra Leann Meyer, *Warsaw, IL*
Nicole Weir, *Martinsville, IL*
Haley J. Loy, *Beaverville, IL*
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- 2002** Catherine Fombelle, *Atwood, IL*
Scott Ross Greuel, *Industry, IL*
Joshua McGill, *Ava, IL*
Jill Cathleen Seelhofer, *Sullivan, IL*
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- 2003** Jared Keith Helpingstine, *Salem, IL*
Scott James Johnson, *Watseka, IL*
Daniel John Koch, *Mt. Sterling, IL*
Lindsey McKinney, *Montrose, IL*

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IEC Memorial Scholarship Recipients (cont.)

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- 2004** Nathan Averbeck, *Petersburg, IL*
Blake Durbin, *Shelbyville, IL*
Talitha Engelhardt, *Pinckneyville, IL*
Jessica Scott, *Bluford, IL*
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- 2005** Daniel Lepper, *Ashland, IL*
Jennifer Meyer, *Teutopolis, IL*
James David Reimer, *Litchfield, IL*
Kelsey Vandike, *Geneseo, IL*
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- 2006** Ian Hardcastle, *Creal Springs, IL*
Lara Seelhofer, *Sullivan, IL*
Kashyap Tadisina, *Carbondale, IL*
Chad Altfillisch, *Elizabeth, IL*
Erin Pszczolkowski, *Mt. Erie, IL*
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- 2007** Laura Kirst, *Galena, IL*
Tess Hellgren, *Makanda, IL*
Mitchell Fairley, *Quincy, IL*
Whitney Kampwerth, *Carlyle, IL*
Benjamin Wesley Johnson, *San Jose, IL*
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- 2008** Timothy Mueller, *Smithton, IL*
Braden Christian, *Harrisburg, IL*
Alyssa Morrison, *Macomb, IL*
Andrea Hemphill, *Annawan, IL*
Mitchell Wattles, *Waterloo, IL*
Jason Barker, *Shelbyville, IL*
Jodi Koester, *Effingham, IL*

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