



**\$2,000  
Peacock Memorial  
Scholarship**



Complete the application by typing (attach additional sheets if necessary).

1. Name:
2. Home Phone: (street) (city) (state) (zip)      Cell Phone:
3. Permanent Address:
4. Mother's Name:
5. Father's Name:
6. High School **name and address** from which you will graduate this spring:  
High School achievements or honors: (attach additional sheets if necessary)
7. Accredited school **name and address** you will be attending in the fall of the year:
8. Major(s) course of study:      Any minor(s):
9. Are you a United States citizen?       Yes       No

Student Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date:

## Peacock Memorial Scholarship

Priority of receiving this scholarship will be given in the following order:

1. Students pursuing a certificate or associates degree in an electrician, power line construction and maintenance, or telecommunications program at a technical school
2. Students pursuing any certificate or associates degree at a technical school
3. Students enrolled at any post-secondary school

### Scholarship Submission Requirements

- 1. Complete the application by typing (attach additional sheets if necessary).
- 2. Enclose your most recent academic transcript.
- 3. Enclose a copy of your college entrance examination (ACT and/or SAT) scores.
- 4. Write two essays, one on each prompt below (500 words or less per essay):
  - 1. What motivates you to pursue your chosen field of study, and how do you hope to make a positive impact through your career?**
  - 2. Who is someone who has inspired you, and how has that someone influenced your life decisions?**
- 5. Please include two reference letters from a teacher, counselor, or employer, along with the completed questionnaire (attached). The letter and questionnaire must be in a sealed envelope with the reference writer's signature on the seal.
- 6. Email a photo of yourself to: [bschecher@wrctc.coop](mailto:bschecher@wrctc.coop) Photo will be used in our publications and social media pages. These will only be used if you are to be chosen as the scholarship recipient.
- 7. Your Parent/Guardian must be a member of Grand Electric Cooperative, Inc. or West River Cooperative Telephone Company to receive this scholarship. Please provide the name of the Cooperative to which you, your parent, or guardian belongs, along with the associated account number.
- 8. Applicant must be a high school student graduating **Spring of 2026**.

Email your complete application packet to [bschecher@wrctc.coop](mailto:bschecher@wrctc.coop) with the subject titled: Peacock Memorial Scholarship or drop off at the front desk of Grand Electric Cooperative/West River Cooperative Telephone Company at 801 Coleman Ave., Bison, SD 57620.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION IS  
MARCH 4, 2026**

The scholarship will be applied to the second semester of your chosen program. To receive the full scholarship amount, you must: 1. Complete the first semester at your chosen post-secondary school. 2. Be enrolled as a full-time student. 3. Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA throughout the program. Proof of enrollment and GPA transcript must be submitted to GEC/WRCTC after the first semester is complete and scholarship funds will then be applied to your account. If the student does not make it to the second semester, the scholarship funding will not be disbursed. All essays will be checked for Artificial Intelligence (AI) usage. If AI is detected, the submission will no longer be considered for review.

## Reference Writer's Scale Chart and Questions

Directions: Please answer each prompt by circling the score that describes the applicant best or typing the number that best describes the applicant in the provided textbox.

1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree.

1. **The applicant demonstrates strong academic performance and a deep understanding of their chosen field of study.**  
(1) Strongly Disagree | (2) Disagree | (3) Neutral | (4) Agree | (5) Strongly Agree
  
2. **The applicant consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and dedication to their studies or projects.**  
(1) Strongly Disagree | (2) Disagree | (3) Neutral | (4) Agree | (5) Strongly Agree
  
3. **The applicant demonstrates strong moral character, honesty and integrity in all situations.**  
(1) Strongly Disagree | (2) Disagree | (3) Neutral | (4) Agree | (5) Strongly Agree
  
4. **The applicant actively participates in community service or extracurricular activities and contributes to others well-being.**  
(1) Strongly Disagree | (2) Disagree | (3) Neutral | (4) Agree | (5) Strongly Agree
  
5. **I believe the applicant has the potential to succeed in their chosen field of study and future career.**  
(1) Strongly Disagree | (2) Disagree | (3) Neutral | (4) Agree | (5) Strongly Agree
  
6. **What qualities or characteristics does the applicant have that make them stand out?**
  
7. **Any additional comments or considerations about the applicant's qualifications or character?**