

 Oakdale Electric Cooperative		Board Policy
Policy Name: Student Scholarship Programs - Youth Leadership, At Large, Non-Traditional and Lineworker		Policy No: 5.04
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I. Objective

To establish guidelines by which unclaimed property that has been turned over to the Federated Youth Foundation can be gifted to qualified students.

II. Youth Leadership Scholarship

- A. Scholarships are awarded as follows to the authors of the top three essays to students at each of the twelve-participating public high schools:

1st place - \$1,500

2nd place –\$1,250

3rd place - \$1,000

Additional \$1,000 scholarships may, at the judges' discretion, be awarded to other exemplary entries. All scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The number of applicants, the amount of funds available, and the final opinion of the judges will affect these decisions.

Participants must be between their junior and senior years in high school while attending the Youth Leadership Congress (YLC). The student must be a son or daughter (or under the legal guardianship) of an active member of the Oakdale Electric Cooperative. Student must be planning to attend a college, university or vocational/technical school within the next twelve months after receiving the award, or the scholarship will be forfeited. A prerequisite for earning a scholarship is participation in Youth Leadership Congress, held on the UW-Stout campus during the summer, and writing a winning essay upon the student's return home.

- B. Participating Public High Schools (12)

Brookwood High School, Mauston High School, Necedah High School, Nekoosa High School, Reedsburg High School, Royall High School, Sparta High School, Tomah High School, New Lisbon High School, Pittsville High School, Wisconsin Dells High School, and Wonewoc Center High School.

III. At Large and Non-Traditional Scholarship Program

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who is not enrolled in one of the twelve participating public high schools in our service area (At Large) or someone returning to university or technical college after spending time in the work place or raising a

family (Non-Traditional). To be eligible, the applicant must be a member or the son or daughter (or under the legal guardianship) of an active member of the Oakdale Electric Cooperative in good standing and accepted at a post-secondary program or accredited

training program. Applicants do not have to attend Youth Leadership Congress, but are required to write an essay. The disbursement of this scholarship will be awarded after all qualifications are met and verification of enrollment.

IV. Lineworker Scholarship Program

One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an applicant pursuing a post-secondary education in an electric lineworker program. Any applicant enrolling in an electric lineworker program or any applicant who can prove they are on a waiting list for the next open enrollment period. Preference will be given to OEC members, and residents of Monroe, Juneau, Jackson, Sauk and Wood counties.

Applicants do not have to attend Youth Leadership Congress, but are required to write an essay. The disbursement of this scholarship will be awarded after all qualifications are met and verification of enrollment.

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