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2016 WESTAR ENERGY/HAINES-WEBER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline to apply is March 15, 2016.

CRAFT SCHOLARSHIPS

How to apply:

Applications can be found at *WestarEnergy.com* by clicking on “Scholarship Opportunities” under the Community Programs tab located at the bottom of the home page. Interested students must submit a completed application and essay by March 15, 2016 via email to *MaryKay.Ulrich@westarenergy.com* or via mail to:

Westar Energy’s HR Department
Attn: MaryKay Ulrich
P.O. Box 889
Topeka, KS 66601-0889



Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a resident of Kansas or attending a Kansas high school
- Must be an upcoming graduating high school senior or must have graduated last year
- Must be pursuing a degree in electric power and distribution, power plant technology, industrial technology or other industry-related degrees
- Must be eligible to obtain a Commercial Drivers License (line worker scholarship only)
- Must enroll as a full-time student in degree program (does not have to be enrolled prior to scholarship award, but must be a full-time student in degree program to receive award)
- Must maintain 2.5 GPA during degree program
- If 18, must be willing to submit to a Motor Vehicle Record Check (drug free with no DUI convictions)
- Females and minorities are urged to apply

Selection Criteria: Renewable for up to two years. Award based primarily on mandatory one-day camp or job shadow, however academics (minimum ACT of 18, minimum GPA of 2.50), volunteer work and personal interview are also taken into consideration. Scholarship administration and selection is performed by the Ellis Foundation.

The Ellis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity that specializes in Academic Scholarships. They offer resources and opportunities to recipients including mentoring programs, social networking opportunities, financial guidance and debt free counseling, volunteer opportunities, and post graduation career placement assistance.

Note: Recipients selected will be invited to attend the Westar Energy CEO scholarship awards banquet in June 2016.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GENERAL LINE WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS

Number awarded: Two
Award amount: \$3,000 (renewable for up to two years)

Line workers are responsible for doing what it takes to safely keep the lights on by working on the complex electrical systems that power our homes and businesses. Some of the skills required for these jobs include climbing poles and towers, operating machinery and working around energized conductors in all types of conditions.

Selection process:

- Submit a completed application and essay by March 15, 2016
- Attend the mandatory one-day Climbing Camp
- Complete a Job Fit Survey and personal interview (given during camp)

Camp date: April 9, 2016

Camp location: Westar Energy Professional Development Center
801 NE US Hwy 24
Topeka, KS 66618

POWER PLANT OPERATOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Number awarded: Two
Award amount: \$3,000 (renewable for up to two years)

Keeping the lights on 24/7 starts with reliable power generation and the right people to make it happen. From traditional power plants to wind farms, our power plant professionals do what it takes to keep our processes running smoothly while maintaining critical equipment to generate electricity in real-time.

Selection process:

- Submit a completed application and essay by March 15, 2016
- Must attend a mandatory one-day job shadow (see details below)
- Complete a Job Fit Survey and personal interview (given during job shadow)

Job Shadow:

One day between March 15 - 31, 2016. Date coordinated through MaryKay Ulrich (*contact information on front page*). Location will be at Westar Energy's Jeffrey Energy Center.

