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#### JASPER-NEWTON ELECTRIC EDUCATION FUND

## Incoming Freshman Scholarship Guidelines

Application deadline: February 6

**FOURTEEN SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE** from the Jasper-Newton Electric Education Fund in 2026:

- ▶ Two four-year, \$8,000 scholarships at \$1,000 per semester, for a total of up to eight fall and spring semesters. These scholarships are subject to confirmation of GPA and enrollment requirements. Scholarship funds must be used within four years of graduation from high school or the scholarship may be forfeited.
- ▶ Eleven one-year, \$2,000 scholarships
- ▶ One one-year, \$1,000 Director's Scholarship

Recipients must be identified as full-time students by their respective higher learning institutions. Scholarship funds for the \$2,000 and \$1,000 awards must be used within one year of graduation of high school or the scholarship may be forfeited.

### Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Jasper-Newton Electric Cooperative scholarships are awarded on the basis of funds available and the applicant's eligibility. At the sole discretion of the cooperative, the four-year scholarship deadline may be extended as a result of qualifying circumstances such as a degree-related internship, work study program or other qualifying events.
- ▶ Recipients are limited to graduating high school seniors residing full time with parents or guardians who are members of Jasper-Newton EC and currently receiving electric service from the cooperative at their primary residence. Also eligible are those seniors whose parent or guardian is a pastor of a church and resides full time in the parsonage where service is in the church's name and provided by JNEC.
- ▶ Recipients must rank in the top 25% of their graduating class or be in an honors or a college preparatory program.
- ▶ Children whose parent or guardian is a full-time employee of

JNEC have no requirements regarding place of residence or JNEC membership.

- ▶ Application forms are provided by Jasper-Newton EC and evaluated by a nine-member committee comprised of one member from each co-op district. Applications are judged on the following criteria: financial need, seriousness of purpose, desire to improve and grow, support of community and family, life goals, and content of essay.
- ▶ The applicant must demonstrate a coherent plan and willingness to pursue a course of higher learning.
- ▶ Completed applications must be received by February 6 and must include two letters of recommendation from principals, teachers, counselors or other faculty members at the high school where the student is currently enrolled as well as a copy of the student's high school transcript. A school counselor should complete the class ranking and GPA information and include his or her signature.
- ▶ Scholarship funds are disbursed only to recognized institutions of higher education. Funds are paid directly to the designated educational institution and limited to payment of expenses for tuition, textbooks, and room and board.

### Additional Eligibility Requirements for the Four-Year Scholarship

- ▶ Recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum of 12 semester hours or be considered a full-time student by the registrar of a technical or trade school.
- ▶ At the end of each semester, recipients must provide a copy of their grades to the Jasper-Newton Electric Education Fund before funds are released for the next semester. Scholarship recipients are responsible for requesting these funds each semester. ■