



## Columbia Rural Electric Association

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### **2012 Columbia REA Scholarship Program Enrollment Opens**

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DAYTON, WA: Application packets are available December 1, 2011 for the Columbia REA scholarship program. The program will provide scholarship funding for the school term beginning in the fall of 2012.

The scholarship program is available to members or dependents of members with an active account served by Columbia REA. Four scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible applicants. Three are academic scholarships. One of the three in the amount of \$1500, awarded to the highest scoring applicant, is the Clark A. Brewington Memorial Scholarship. The remaining two scholarships will be in the amount of \$1000 each. Once awarded, these scholarships will be renewable for up to three additional consecutive years provided the recipient remains a student in good standing with at least a 2.75 grade point average at an accredited institution.

A fourth scholarship is available for eligible applicants wishing to pursue a career in the electric industry as a journey lineman. This scholarship was established in remembrance of Jeff Meredith, a journeyman with CREA. The Jeff Meredith Scholarship is for \$1,000 and for one year only. The Jeff Meredith Scholarship is available to any applicant; and does not need to be a member of Columbia REA.

Application packets are available beginning December 1st at Columbia REA's offices in Dayton and Walla Walla and at all high schools within Columbia REA's service area. A complete application packet is also available on the Columbia REA web site at [www.columbiarea.coop](http://www.columbiarea.coop).

The deadline for submitting applications is February 17, 2012. Recipients will be notified by March 30, 2012. The winners of the scholarships will be introduced at the annual membership meeting in April 2012.

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*Columbia REA is a member owned electric cooperative serving customers in Columbia & Walla Walla Counties in Washington and Umatilla County in Oregon.*

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