

# POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AND YOUTH TOUR

**Class of 2014...**

\$45,000 in scholarships will be awarded!

Show Your Cooperative Spirit and Get Money for College!

Good for technical school, college or university



Available for sons and daughters of Polk Burnett Electric Cooperative members



Plus, you could win a Trip to Washington, D.C.

## Comments from previous Youth Tour participants...

### Polk-Burnett Delegates Washington D.C. Youth Tour

**2006**  
Emily Pfannes ..... Osceola

"Visiting D.C. taught many of my fellow Youth Tour companions and me how to be a leader.

Through Polk-Burnett, I returned to Washington D.C. to learn about cooperatives and our wonderful country."



**2008**  
Lindsey Novitzke ....New Richmond

"Although we had all come from different towns, states, backgrounds, families, schools, neighborhoods and even religions, Washington D.C. brought us together as the one thing we all truly shared.



**2009**  
Natasha Frank..... Osceola

**2010**  
Amanda Early .....Roseville

**2011**  
Heather Gilbert.....St. Croix Falls

**2012**  
Julie Franzel .....Luck

**2013**  
Kayla Frank ..... Osceola

**2014**  
This could be YOU!



Go to [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop) for more information!





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## Show Your Cooperative Spirit and Get Money for College!

### POLK-BURNETT WILL AWARD \$45,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF CO-OP MEMBERS

The scholarship is unique because it focuses on community service, not academic grades, athletic performance or financial need. The program recognizes the sons and daughters of Polk-Burnett members who demonstrate cooperative spirit through service to others. Since 1987, Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative has awarded more than \$400,000 to high school seniors who have made a difference in their community.

### 36 STUDENTS – FOUR FROM EACH DISTRICT – WILL BE AWARDED \$1,250

Polk-Burnett will select four scholarship recipients from each district (see map). A total of 36 – \$1,250 scholarships will be awarded.

### WIN A TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. – OPTIONAL

Two candidates will have the chance to win an all-expense-paid trip to the NRECA Youth Tour of Washington, D.C. in June 2014, valued at \$2,300! **All scholarship applicants are invited to submit a separate Youth Tour application for this optional award.** See Youth Tour application inside for instructions.

### ELIGIBILITY – WHO CAN APPLY?

Students graduating from high school in 2014 are eligible to apply. You must be:

- ✓ The son or daughter of a co-op member. *Parent/guardian must be named on account.*
- ✓ Continuing your education at a technical school, college or university.
- ✓ Active in your community. *Community service must be documented.*

### SELECTION PROCESS

Polk-Burnett is overwhelmed at the number of outstanding applications we receive each year, and we wish we could award scholarships to everyone. All candidates who meet eligibility and community service requirements will be entered into a random drawing.

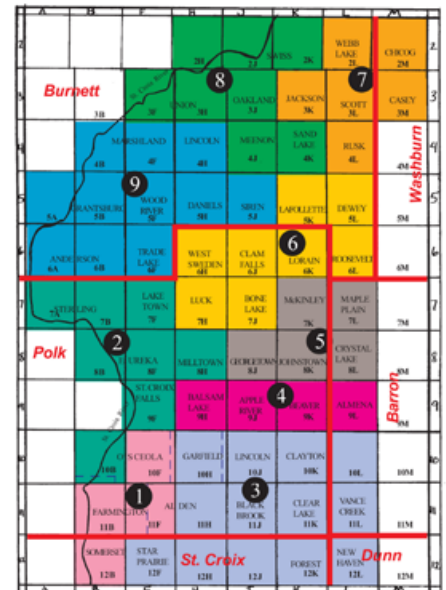
**Four scholarships will be awarded for each co-op district (see map).**

### NOTIFICATION

Winners will be announced in the *Powerlines* newsletter and during award nights at local high schools. Polk-Burnett makes every effort to attend these recognition events to present scholarship certificates in person. Upon proof of enrollment at technical school, college or university, scholarship winners will receive a \$1,250 check for first-semester expenses. Checks are payable to the educational institution.

### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DOES NOT AFFECT ELECTRICITY RATE

**Polk-Burnett scholarships are funded with unclaimed Capital Credits and do not affect electricity rates.** As a co-op, Polk-Burnett refunds any excess revenue to members. Refunds are called Capital Credits. When Capital Credits are *unclaimed*, they are deposited into a separate fund for education and are used to offer scholarships for co-op members.



### QUESTIONS?

Contact Joan O'Fallon, scholarship coordinator, 800-421-0283, ext. 333  
jofallon@polkburnett.com



# POLK-BURNETT ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## 2014 **Community Service** Scholarship Application

### 1. CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. Your Name \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High School \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or PO Box, City, State, Zip)
- d. Your Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Your E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Parent/Guardian Named on Electric Account \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Polk-Burnett Location Number \_\_\_\_\_

*You'll find your location number on your Polk-Burnett electric bill. Your parent or legal guardian must be a member of Polk-Burnett and be named on the Polk-Burnett account for you to be eligible for a Polk-Burnett scholarship. Your location number determines your co-op district. Four scholarships will be awarded from each co-op district.*

### 2. COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY LIST

**List all unpaid volunteer community service activities** in which you've been involved that have improved your community and/or have made a difference in the lives of others. Include all service activities you've participated in to help your school, friends, church and community, and all activities to help your family, at home or on the farm. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary; be sure to include your name on the top of each additional page.

Name of Service Activity/Your Role <i>(Example: Sunday school teacher)</i>	Name of Service Organization <i>(Example: First Lutheran Church)</i>	Date(s) of Service

Activity Leader Signatures: (need 2) \_\_\_\_\_

We require **signatures from two activity leaders/supervisors**. Please have two activity leaders or supervisors sign their names and titles at the bottom of the Activity List, demonstrating that you have completed two community service activities under their leadership and supervision.

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your signature and submission date at the bottom of your community service listing **to certify that the information you have provided is true and complete** to the best of your knowledge. In addition, your signature authorizes Polk-Burnett to investigate your statements for verification and releases your information if you are selected as a winner.

**Submit your application by Friday, January 3, 2014, to:**

Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative  
Attn: Scholarships  
1001 State Road 35, Centuria, WI 54824



# Win a trip to the NRECA Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.

June 12-20, 2014

## Optional Essay

*For 40+ years, electric cooperatives have sponsored Youth Tour for American high school students to visit our nation's capitol and meet members of congress.*

**YOU could be part of this opportunity.**

### YOUTH TOUR...

- ✓ Rewards you for community leadership
- ✓ Fosters appreciation for democratic government
- ✓ Exposes you to the sights and sounds of our nation's heritage
- ✓ Educates you about the role of electric co-ops in the national economy
- ✓ Builds leadership skills so you can make a difference in your community

**The summer of 2014, Polk-Burnett will sponsor an all-expense-paid trip for two delegates to join the NRECA Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.**

The tour combines leadership opportunities with fun! If selected, you'll join 1,500 high school students from around the country to meet congressional leaders, tour sites in our nation's capitol and learn about cooperatives and the rural electric program, American history and government.

*Learn more about the NRECA Youth Tour online at [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop).*

**All applicants of Polk-Burnett's Community Service Scholarship Program are invited to apply for the NRECA Youth Tour of Washington D.C.**

*Two delegates will be selected to represent Polk-Burnett for the Youth Tour in a random drawing. All candidates who apply and meet scholarship eligibility will be entered into the drawing.*

*To apply, follow the instructions below.*

### ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF WHITE PAPER, PLEASE TYPE:

1. Your name
2. Your birth date (needed for confirmation to tour coordinator)
3. Your answers to two essay questions below. Essays should be about 250 words each.

**QUESTION A:** Why do you want to be Polk-Burnett's delegate for the Youth Tour of Washington, D.C.?

**QUESTION B:** Polk-Burnett has delivered electricity to rural co-op members since 1938. What has been the greatest benefit of electricity in our community?



*L-R: Congressman Ron Kind with Polk-Burnett's 2011 Youth Tour delegate Heather Gilbert and other state delegates.*



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Questions: 800-421-0283, ext. 333



*Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative is proud to support Youth Tour for the sons and daughters of co-op members in recognition of service to others.*

*Giving back to the community is part of our business plan as a cooperative.*

*The program is funded with unclaimed Capital Credits and does not affect electric rates.*