

2019 “Vocational Outside Line Training Academy (VOLTA)” Pre-Apprenticeship Lineworker Scholarship Application & Guidelines

Background: Lane Electric is pleased to announce their support to individuals interested in the Line Construction trade by awarding one scholarship to the Vocational Outside Line Training Academy (**VOLTA**) program. Lane Electric is offering a \$5,500 scholarship to interested and qualified applicants. The line construction trade is a rewarding career with exceptional pay and benefits, and Lane Electric’s desire is to develop a qualified pool of candidates for future positions in the electric utility industry.

Program: Lane Electric’s **VOLTA** scholarship program is available for members and /or applicants whose parent or guardian are active members, in good standing, with Lane Electric. Applicants must be a at least 18 years old at the time of enrollment in the **VOLTA** program, and be a high school graduate by summer of 2019 or hold a GED. As well, the applicant:

- Must meet the entrance requirements of the school **before** applying for the **VOLTA** scholarship.
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- Is responsible for the VOLTA application fee.
- Must pass a doctor’s physical and be able to perform a variety of industry, work-related tasks including:
 - Climbing poles
 - Lifting
 - Bending
- Must agree to comply with, and pass, a drug and alcohol screen.
- Must hold a valid driver’s license while enrolled in **VOLTA’s** line worker program.

Application Criteria: When applying for the **VOLTA** scholarship, the application must be made either through the counselor's office at the local high schools (in the case of graduating seniors) or directly through Lane Electric.

Due to a potential conflict of interest, employees and their family members, Board members and their family members, and members of the Scholarship Committee and members of their families are not eligible to apply for any of Lane Electric’s scholarship offerings.

Applicants will:

- Submit a **completed** application packet which is available via:
 - Our website: www.laneelectric.com/scholarships
 - In person at 787 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, Oregon 97402
 - High school counselor offices
- Submit an official copy of your high school transcripts or GED.
- Include two professional letters of reference.
- Submit an essay describing in 250 - 500 words why you are a good candidate for the VOLTA program, explaining why you are interested in this type of work and what special skills you would bring to the job.

NOTE: If any of the above items are missing, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.

For additional information about the line construction trade, the length of the **VOLTA** course, costs for tools, accommodations, etc., please contact VOLTA at 503-253-8202 or visit its website at: www.northwestlinejatc.org.

Criteria:

- **Selection:** A selection committee will interview interested candidates and select the scholarship recipient.
 - Successful candidates must provide their own books, tools, food and lodging.
- **Payment:** Upon selection and official enrollment to the **VOLTA** program, Lane Electric will send the tuition check directly to the school.
- **Requirements & Guarantees:** Scholarship recipients are not required to work at Lane Electric following their training, nor does Lane Electric guarantee, in any way, positions after the training.
- **Scholastic:** All applicants must meet the entrance requirements of the school **before** applying for the **VOLTA** scholarship. www.northwestlinejatc.org
- **Residence:** The member/applicant or parent or guardian of the applicant, must be a member, in good standing, with Lane Electric.
- **Amount:** Lane Electric will award one \$5,500 scholarship to **VOLTA**.
- **Interview:** Applicants must be available for an in-person interview with the selection committee at Lane Electric's headquarters facility at 787 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, Oregon 97402. Applicants will be notified as to the day, date and time once candidates have been selected for interview.
- **Duties:** Below are some of the duties, responsibilities and guidelines relevant to the scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend the following functions to be recognized: commencement exercises, awards ceremonies, member meetings of the cooperative, etc. The recipient's photo, name and a brief biography may be used in cooperative communications (website, social media, Ruralite, etc.)
- **Understanding:** If for any reason, the scholarship recipient fails to register for continuing education, an alternate may be awarded the scholarship. If no alternates are available, the scholarship shall revert back into Lane Electric Cooperative's scholarship fund.

Deadline for Application:

Applications and the required information must be received at Lane Electric's headquarters, located at 787 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, no later than **1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019**.

REMEMBER: If you have not completed and submitted all of the requirements listed under "Application Criteria," your application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.

Mail completed applications by no later than 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019 to:

**Lane Electric Cooperative, RE: Scholarship Program
787 Bailey Hill Rd.
Eugene, Oregon 97402**

Please list any sports you have played or been involved with: _____

Please list any honors, recognitions or certificates you have received.

Please list any school and/or community activities you have been involved with: (4-H, FBLA, etc.)

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read, and understand that my ***VOLTA*** application must be received at Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc. no later than ***1:00 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019*** or I will not be considered as a candidate.

I understand that if I am awarded Lane Electric’s scholarship, and for some unforeseen reason I am not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify Lane Electric’s Scholarship Committee immediately so that one of the alternates may receive the scholarship.

I also understand and agree that if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, Lane Electric has my permission to publish my name and photograph in the Ruralite magazine, on their website, social media etc., as part of the notification process to the membership.

I am the member or legal dependent of the above Lane Electric member and the information I’ve provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if younger than 18)

REMEMBER: Make sure to review the “Application Criteria” section and your application. If you have not completed and do not submit all of the requirements listed under “Application Criteria,” your application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview or scholarship.