

New Mexico

Navajo Student Scholarships

... to prepare selected Navajo students for careers related to the electric utility industry

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FOUR CORNERS POWER PLANT, located on the Navajo Nation in Northwestern New Mexico, has a Scholarship Program to prepare selected local Navajo students for careers related to the electric utility industry. Since 1995, when the program began, 24 participating students have earned their degrees

Scholarship funding provides assistance for tuition, fees, books, and room and board. The program also provides a student work program that is tailored to give students work experience in their career areas.

“We are committed to the community—each year we invest in the development of Four Corners area future diverse workforce,” said Craig Walling, plant manager. “Earning a college education gets more expensive every year. It is vital that all members of the community do what they can to help produce the workforce of tomorrow.”

Scholarship awards average \$500-\$750 per semester and are renewable each semester contingent on the recipient’s eligibility. Funds will be paid directly to the college, university or technical institution of the recipient’s choice. Temporary summer/winter employment opportunities are also available when conditions permit.

School transcripts or grade reports must be submitted promptly at the end of each semester before funds are disbursed for the following semester. Should a recipient fail to meet eligibility requirements or drop out of school, the scholarship will be discontinued.

Navajo students who meet the following requirements are eligible for consideration:

- enrolled/admitted to a college/university/technical institution in a utility related field of study. Disciplines include but are not limited to engineering, chemistry, business administration, human resources accounting, occupational safety, nursing, and vocational programs (welding).
- a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- a minimum semester GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- full time status (minimum of 12 semester credit hours)

Completed applications must be submitted by the stated deadline and accompanied by:

- a completed written application form including responses to the three essay questions
- two letters of recommendation describing the applicant’s character
- current school transcripts or grade reports
- ACT or SAT scores
- a letter of acceptance from the educational institution of choice

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based on a variety of factors and is not restricted to scholastic performance. Preference will be given to students from the Four Corners area chapters.

Selection decisions made by the scholarship committee and approved by the steering committee are final. There is no appeal process. The Four Corners Scholarship Committee will review all applications and administer the selection process.

There are three options to complete the Scholarship Application. The forms can be downloaded at <http://www.pinnaclewest.com/careers/stw/scholarships.asp> and submitted directly online, as a Microsoft Word attachment (send to CMARTI01@apsc.com), or mailed to
 APS – Four Corners Power Plant
 Mail Station 4900
 P.O. Box 355
 Fruitland, NM 87416

Note: Application will not be processed (accepted) without the mail-in materials. If submitting your scholarship application using the online application form or Microsoft Word document email attachment, be sure to mail the following:

- two (2) letters of recommendation
- ACT/SAT scores
- School Transcripts

For additional information, please call Cheryl Martin-Lee, Scholarship Coordinator, at 505-598-8201. ☎