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## 2018 WESTAR ENERGY/HAINES-WEBER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2018.

### CRAFT SCHOLARSHIPS

A minimum of four craft scholarships will be awarded yearly in the amount of \$3,000, renewable for up to two years.

**Selection Criteria:** Award based primarily on personal interview or job shadow, however academics (minimum ACT of 18, minimum GPA of 2.50) and volunteer work are also taken into consideration. Scholarship administration and selection is performed by the Ellis Foundation.

#### How to apply:

Applications can be found at [WestarEnergy.com](http://WestarEnergy.com) by clicking on “Scholarship Opportunities” under the Community Programs tab located at the bottom of the home page. Interested students must submit a completed application and essay by March 1, 2018 via email to [MaryKay.Ulrich@westarenergy.com](mailto:MaryKay.Ulrich@westarenergy.com) or via mail to:

Westar Energy’s HR Department  
Attn: MaryKay Ulrich  
P.O. Box 889  
Topeka, KS 66601-0889



#### Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a resident of Kansas or attending a Kansas high school
- Must be an upcoming graduating high school senior or must have graduated last year
- Must be pursuing a degree in electric power and distribution, power plant technology, wind energy, industrial technology or other industry-related degrees
- Must be eligible to obtain a Commercial Drivers License (line worker scholarship only)
- Must enroll as a full-time student in degree program (does not have to be enrolled prior to scholarship award, but must be a full-time student in degree program to receive award)
- Must maintain 2.5 GPA during degree program
- If 18, must be willing to submit to a Motor Vehicle Record Check (drug free with no DUI convictions)
- Females and minorities are urged to apply

**The Ellis Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity that specializes in Academic Scholarships. They offer resources and opportunities to recipients including mentoring programs, social networking opportunities, financial guidance, volunteer opportunities, and post graduation career placement assistance.

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### GENERAL LINE WORKER SCHOLARSHIPS

Line workers are responsible for doing what it takes to safely keep the lights on by working on the complex electrical systems that power our homes and businesses. Some of the skills required for these jobs include climbing poles and towers, operating machinery and working around energized conductors in all types of conditions.

#### Selection process:

- Submit a completed application and essay by March 1, 2018
- Participate in a personal interview on one of the following dates: March 5-9 (MaryKay Ulrich, Westar Energy Operations Support & Administration Executive Assistant, will call to schedule)
- Attend a mandatory one-day Lineman Prep Day (Date to-be-determined for a Saturday in April or May)

**Location for Lineman Prep Day:** Westar Energy Professional Development Center  
801 NE US Hwy 24  
Topeka, KS 66618  
Date & Time TBD for a Saturday in April or May

### POWER PLANT OPERATOR/WIND ENERGY TECHNICIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Keeping the lights on 24/7 starts with reliable power generation and the right people to make it happen. From traditional power plants to wind farms, our power plant professionals and wind energy technicians do what it takes to keep our processes running smoothly while maintaining critical equipment to generate electricity in real-time.

#### Selection process:

- Submit a completed application and essay by March 1, 2018
- Must attend a mandatory one-day job shadow (see details below) and participate in a personal interview

#### Job Shadow:

One day between March 1 - 31, 2018 at one of the following locations:

- Power Plant: Jeffrey Energy Center (St. Mary's, KS)
- Wind Farm: Flatridge (Nashville, KS), Central Plains (Marienthal, KS) or Western Plains (Spearville, KS)

Date coordinated through MaryKay Ulrich (*contact information on front page*).

