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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN AWARDS \$27,400 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

Rockford, Minn. (June 2, 2023) — WH recently awarded \$27,400 in scholarships to 20 local students to help them continue their education. WH’s scholarship program began in 1988 and has awarded almost \$687,000 to local students. Scholarships are made possible with funding from unclaimed capital credits as well as contributions from diversified businesses under WH Holding. WH and WH Holding are proud to provide scholarships to assist students in furthering their education.

The scholarship fund was created after a state law was passed allowing unclaimed capital credits to be put into an education fund. This allows WH to invest in the area’s youth without impacting electric rates.

WH local school scholarship

WH provides one scholarship to each school in its electric service area to award to an outstanding student pursuing higher education. The scholarship winners are selected by the school themselves. WH also offers one "at-large" scholarship for students who are homeschooled or attend a school neighboring WH's electric service territory. The following 17 recipients received a WH local school scholarship this year:

- Kayla Holte, Annandale High School
- Josilyne Starner, Buffalo High School
- Leah Webb, Dassel-Cokato High School
- McKenna Allen, Delano High School
- Elizabeth Steil, Heritage Christian Academy
- Halli Poppler, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School
- Ashley Alden, Maple Grove High School

- Sydney Staloch, Maple Lake High School
- Teagan Johnson, Monticello High School
- Maria Williams, Orono High School
- Vayolaw Kamara, Osseo High School
- Kaitlyn Eilderts, Rockford High School
- Dylan Good, Rogers High School
- MaKenna Schmidt, St. Michael- Albertville High School
- Bethany Yu, Wayzata High School
- Lexi Karnes, Wright Technical Center
- Tanner Gangl, Spectrum High School (at-large scholarship)

Edward R. Slebiska Memorial Lineworker Scholarship

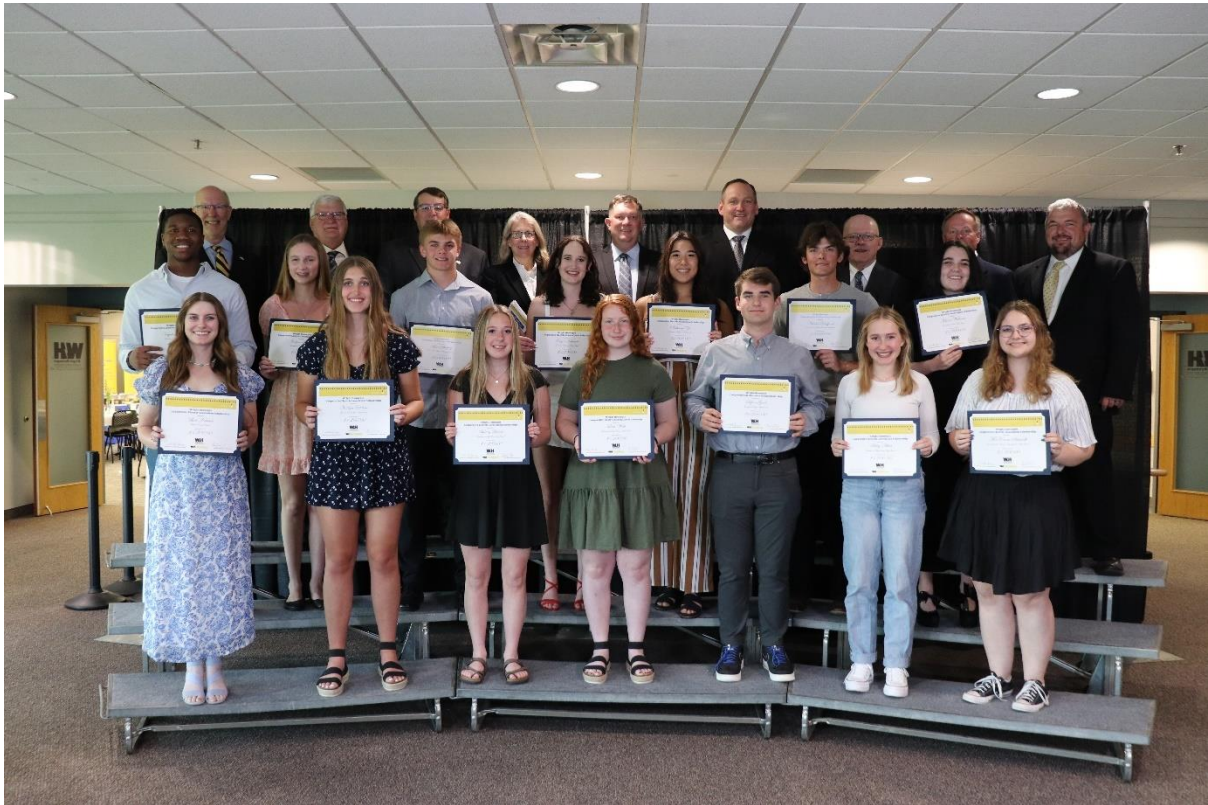
Each year, the Edward R. Slebiska Scholarship is awarded in the name of the cooperative's first CEO to individuals planning to become electric lineworkers. During his time as CEO, Slebiska helped the cooperative bring reliable and affordable electricity to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The recipients of the 2023 Edward R. Slebiska Memorial Lineworker Scholarship are Tyson Shoberg of Annandale High School and Hunter Rosfjord of Buffalo High School.

Basin Electric Scholarship

Basin Electric Power Cooperative annually awards a scholarship to its distribution cooperative members. Basin is one of WH's wholesale power suppliers, and is headquartered in Bismarck, N.D. The member recipient of this year's Basin Electric Scholarship is Madelyn Hunt from University of Minnesota- Twin Cities.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 58,500 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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WH's 2023 scholarship winners were invited to a banquet at WH's Rockford headquarters on May 25. Joining the award ceremony were: Back row: WH Vice Board Chairman Tim Young, Director Butch Lindenfelser, WH Board Chairman Erick Heinz, Director Audrey Britton, WH Board Secretary/Treasurer Mike Tieva, Director John Reynolds, Director Chris Lantto, Director Mark Skinner, Director Pat Bakeberg. Middle row: Vayolaw Kamara, Josilyne Starner, Tyson Shoberg, Teagan Johnson, Bethany Yu, Hunter Rosfjord, Maria Williams. Front row: Lexi Karnes, Kaitlyn Eilderts, Sydney Staloch, Leah Webb, Dylan Good, Ashley Alden, MaKenna Schmidt. Not pictured: McKenna Allen, Tanner Gangl, Kayla Holte, Madelyn Hunt, Halli Poppler, Elizabeth Steil.