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Grand Valley Power Opens 2020 Scholarship Application Period

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - (January 15, 2020) – Grand Valley Power is now accepting applications for its 2020 scholarship program. This year, GVP is awarding \$20,500 total to local students for continuing education. Scholarship awards range from \$1,500 to \$2,000. All of the scholarship opportunities are open to any applicant residing in a home served by Grand Valley Power and pursuing post-secondary undergraduate education.

Applications will be accepted through March 1, 2020 with exception to the Western Colorado Community College Electric Lineworker Scholarship, which is due June 1, 2020. You can pick up applications at all high school counseling offices, Colorado Mesa University's financial aid office, at **gvp.org/scholarship-program** or at Grand Valley Power's main office.

A committee of educators appointed by the board of directors will review all applications received by the due date and select an awardee. The committee selects scholarship recipients based on a combination of weighted criteria, including financial need, academic, volunteer or work achievements and a personal essay. Grand Valley Power has been awarding scholarships since 1996 and has given back \$194,000 to local youth for education and training. "We belong to the communities we serve, and we're invested in our communities to help strengthen them. A key ingredient is providing education and training opportunities to our local youth and members who are continuing their education," stated Grand Valley Power's Communication Specialist, Christmas Wharton.

For questions about the scholarship program or requirements, please email <u>scholarships@gvp.org</u> or call us at 970-242-0040.

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About Grand Valley Power

Organized in 1936, Grand Valley Power is the first rural not-for-profit electric cooperative in Colorado. Serving over 18,000 customers within the Mesa County area, Grand Valley Power is dedicated to empowering lives with hometown service with safe, affordable, reliable electricity. For more information, visit <u>gvp.org</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.