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Grand Valley Power Announces 2021 WCCC Electric Lineworker Scholarship Recipient

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. – (June 28, 2021) – Grand Valley Power recently selected Coy Sears as the recipient of the 2021 Western Colorado Community College Electric Lineworker Scholarship.

Available to any Mesa County resident who is pursuing a career in the electric lineworker industry and attending WCCC, the scholarship is awarded to one qualified applicant who demonstrates strong academic performance and leadership within the community.

Coy graduated from Fruita Monument High School in December 2020. During his junior year of high school, Coy went to school full-time at WCCC where he became certified in emergency medical response. He was also an active member of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) and Tri-County Rodeo Team for five years. During his spare time, Coy enjoyed volunteered for the Grand Junction Fire Department where he learned many skills that will complement his career as an electric lineworker.

“Providing our community with opportunities to further their education is one of seven cooperative principles and it remains close to GVP’s heart,” said Christmas Wharton, Communications Manager of Grand Valley Power. “We are proud to award exceptional students like Coy who aspire to further their education.”

Since 1996, Grand Valley Power has awarded over \$230,000 to students who are continuing their education. The WCCC Electric Lineworker Scholarship is a \$2,000 one-time award. For more information on Grand Valley Power’s scholarship program, visit gvp.org/scholarship-program.

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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 gvp.org or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).