

Twin Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.



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The Touchstone Energy logo consists of three stylized human figures in red, blue, and yellow, standing on a green base that resembles a stylized wave or ground.

Line Worker Scholarship Program

APPLICATION PACKET

Twin Valley Electric's Electrical Line Worker Scholarship

Do you want an exciting career? Would you like a great salary and benefits? Then electrical line work may be for you. Linemen are the backbone of the electric utility industry.

What does an electrical line worker do?

An electrical line worker performs many different tasks in a variety of situations. For instance, line workers may be climbing poles or operating aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25-200 feet above the ground, while the very next day they may be a hundred miles away erecting a substation, or digging trenches to string underground electric cable.

What kind of wages does an electric line worker earn?

Line workers earn excellent wages. After graduation from an accredited training program, an apprentice line worker can generally earn a starting wage of \$18 to \$22 per hour plus overtime. Within a few years, a journeyman line worker can earn up to \$26 to \$32 per hour, plus overtime.

A typical line worker benefit plan can include medical insurance, a pension plan, life insurance, and a retirement savings plan.

What career opportunities exist for electric line workers?

Twin Valley Electric is committed to encouraging men and women to consider career opportunities in the electric utility industry, especially in cooperatives. Careers with an electric cooperative make it possible for people to live, work and raise their families in rural America communities.

Electric lines and facilities are maintained, replaced and expanded at an ever-increasing rate. This development creates a strong need for highly trained, qualified workers. Many experienced line workers are reaching retirement age, creating a need for new apprentices who can look forward to a challenging and rewarding career with excellent advancement opportunities.

Line worker training programs fill up quickly. It's never too early to begin the application process. The Twin Valley Electric Cooperative (TVEC) Line Worker Scholarship is designed to help qualified individuals become trained apprentice line workers. The application and information are attached.

Electrical Line worker Duties and Responsibilities



The TVEC Line worker Scholarship program is intended to send individuals to an accredited line worker training program to learn basics of line work, some of which are listed below, and for the individual to become an apprentice line worker. An apprentice line worker must have 8000 hours (4 years) of actual supervised work experienced and pass a series of exams during the apprenticeship before becoming a journeyman line worker. Some hours from training

programs may be credited to an individual's apprenticeship.

A Line worker:

- Installs, maintains, and repairs electrical distribution and transmission systems, including assembling and erecting substations, placing poles and towers, stringing wire and cable, installing insulators, transformers and other equipment, as well as maintaining all of these facilities and equipment.
- Inspects and tests overhead and underground power lines and cables using specialized electrical testing equipment, and can troubleshoot these systems.
- Climbs poles or operates aerial lifts when working aloft on poles and towers.
- Splices, repairs and installs conductors and wiring.
- Learns and applies safe practices and procedures, and understands and follows all safety requirements and regulations.
- Communicates effectively with other workers to coordinate work assignments; this includes effectively communicating technical information.
- May work in confined spaces such as trenches and tunnels to install and maintain power lines and cables.
- Must be able to work as part of a team.

Line work is a challenging and rewarding career. It is always interesting and often physically demanding. At the end of the day, line workers can take pride in a job well done. Duties can vary from day to day and so can the location, but the camaraderie among line workers is constant.



Electrical Line Worker Scholarship Guidelines

Objective: To encourage, promote and educate electric line workers for enduring and rewarding careers.

Availability: TVEC Line Worker Scholarship (s) will be awarded this year to applicant (s) who are residents of one of the 4 counties (Lafayette, Montgomery, Neosho or Cherokee) served by TVEC and who will attend an approved line worker training program as a full time student.

- Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00
- Scholarship applicants may be any person interested in a career in electric line work who have completed high school or its equivalent

Applications must include the following:

1. Completed Electrical Line Worker Scholarship Application
2. Education and Work Experience Data Sheet
3. High School and/or College Transcripts

Payment: The scholarship payment will be made directly to you upon student's enrollment in one of the approved line worker training programs. Verification of enrollment must be sent to TVEC for scholarship payment to be made.

Post-School Employment: Scholarship recipients are in no way guaranteed employment at TVEC upon completion of training. However, filing an application is always in good interest for the trained apprentice line worker.

Twin Valley Electrical Line Worker Scholarship Application

In addition to the information below, the applicant may also provide a resume detailing experience, employment experience and duties, specialized skills, and references.

Required Information *(Please Print)*

_____			_____	
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	
_____			_____	
Address		City	State	Zip
_____			_____	
Email address			Telephone Number	

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No
If no, are you prevented from lawfully becoming employed in this country because of Visa or Immigration Status? Yes No
Proof of citizenship or immigration status will be required upon enrollment.

Do you currently reside within the service boundaries of TVEC? Yes No

Do you have a valid driver's license? Yes No

Are you at least 18 years of age? Yes No

Have you received your high school diploma or G.E.D. certificate? Yes No

Are you currently enrolled in high school, college, or technical school? Yes No

Have you ever been employed by an electrical cooperative? Yes No

Are you currently employed? Yes No
If yes, may we contact your employer? Yes No

Are you willing to relocate to attend a training school? Yes No

Have you been convicted of a felony within the last 7 years? *If yes, please explain.* Yes No
Conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant.

Applicants Statement

I certify that answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary for scholarship.

In the event I receive the scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information given in my application or interview(s) may result in forfeit of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

High School Data

School Name

Graduation Date

Address

City

State

Zip

Post Secondary School Data

School Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Intended major or field of study _____ Anticipated date of graduation _____

Work Experience: Describe your work experience during the past four years. Indicate dates of employment in each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Position and Company/Organization

From Mo/Yr-To Mo/Yr

Hrs. per Week

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Goals and Aspirations: Write a paragraph describing your educational plans as they relate to your career objectives and future goals in the electric energy industry. Additional sheet may be used.

References: List the names of the non-relatives who will serve as your references.

Name

Relationship (teacher, clergy)

Phone Number

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