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High School Seniors Can Apply for 2015 Electric Cooperative Scholarships

Any high school or home school senior whose parents or guardians are consumer-members of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative, and whose primary residence is served by the cooperative, is eligible to apply now for the 2015 Educational Scholarship to be awarded by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives' (VMDAEC) Educational Scholarship Foundation Board.

The Foundation Board selects scholarship recipients and scholarship amounts that are awarded based on three major criteria: financial need at 40%, academic achievement at 40%, and a personal statement at 20%.

An applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a post-high-school educational institution in the fall of 2015. The scholarship must be used towards the payment of tuition, student fees, room and board, or for the purchase of books.

For detailed information on the Eligibility and Application Requirements and to access the 2015 Educational Scholarship Application, please go online to <u>www.vmdaec.com</u> or <u>www.co-opliving.com/community/scholarship.htm</u>. The Application Form must be submitted electronically via e-mail no later than midnight on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

In 2014, the VMDAEC Educational Scholarship Foundation received 364 applications from students in areas served by 15 electric cooperatives in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. From these, the Foundation selected 55 applicants to receive Worth M. Hudson Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, four applicants to receive the C. D Hypes Memorial Fund in the amount of \$1,000 each, and two applicants to receive the James C. Tennant Memorial Fund in the amount of \$1,000 each for a total of 61 scholarships. Over the past 14 years, 470 students have received a VMDAEC Educational Scholarship.

The number of scholarships awarded each year is based on available funds.

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility serving 35,000 member accounts in the rural portions of 14 central Virginia counties.

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative and the 14 other not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives serving the Mid-Atlantic region. It is based in Glen Allen, Va., and provides safety and employee training, governmental relations



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and legislative and communications services, including the publishing of Cooperative Living magazine, for its member cooperatives.

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