



CONGRATULATIONS

2024 Rock Energy Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our 2024 scholarship winners! Rock Energy Cooperative has awarded 15 scholarships to local high school students. Each student will receive \$1,000 totaling \$15,000. Students whose parents or guardians are members of Rock Energy Cooperative were eligible to apply.

Funds for the scholarships come from unclaimed capital credits. Since 1989, the co-op has awarded more than \$182,000 in financial aid to deserving students. These young scholars possess the qualities that will help them succeed in their college studies, as well as their future professions.

They have participated in dozens of school clubs, competed in sports, performed in band and theater, worked on 4-H and scouting projects, and joined church groups. Even with all those extra-curricular activities, they still found time to volunteer with community organizations and work to gain experience in their chosen field of study and help fund their college education.

On pages 18A-C are introductions to the winners with excerpts from their applications.



CODY PENTICOFF

High School: Dakota

College: Highland Community College

Career Goal: After high school I plan to attend Highland Community College in Freeport to get my associate degree in Criminal Justice. At the age of 21, I plan to enroll in the Police Academy. I also want to enroll in the Sheriff Reservist or Auxiliary Police when I turn 18.



ANGELINA JORGENSON

High School: Parker

College: UW-Rock County

Career Goal: I am currently earning college credit while in high school, and I intend to complete my general education courses at UW-Rock County next fall.

After completing my general education courses, I plan to transfer to UW-Milwaukee to continue with Chinese studies and study abroad in China for a semester. I look to further my education by obtaining my bachelor's degree, and then my master's degree, in Psychology. I plan to work in a clinical environment and hopefully open my own private practice.

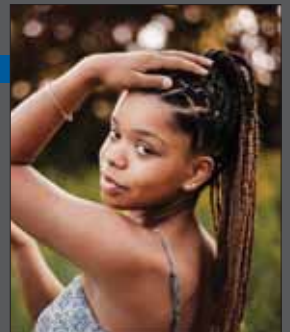


CHINNA HERMANSON

High School: Evansville

College: UW-Milwaukee

Career Goal: My plan after high school is to attend UW-Milwaukee and get my bachelor's degree with a Science of Nursing degree and eventually my master's degree in Nursing.



CHANCE AUSTIN

High School: Milton
College: Iowa State Univ.

Career Goal: I live and breathe agriculture, even when physically removed from the farm. This passion has guided my decision to obtain my bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Business at Iowa State University. While I am not set on a specific career, I have interest in exploring both AG commodity marketing and AG lending. Each path would capitalize on my strengths and leverage my practical farm experience.



KOOPER PROPP

High School: Milton
College: UW-Madison or Stout

Career Goal: My passion is coding. After college, I can do what I love while getting paid. Currently, I code in my free time, intending to solve local problems. I have made websites for calculating laude points at the high school to save time and a recipe calculator at work to scale recipes. With the goal of coding projects that address local issues, I aspire to start my own software company after graduating from college with a degree in Computer Science.



JANA AHMED

High School: Hononegah
College: UW-Madison or Univ. of Urbana-Champaign

Career Goal: My plans regarding my education at the moment include attending a four-year school after graduation. I intend to pursue a career in medicine by majoring in Biology on a pre-medicine track at either the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign or UW-Madison. With my Biology degree, I am hoping to become a dermatologist in order to help others heal or maintain certain skin conditions.



ELIZABETH ACEVEDO

High School: Hononegah
College: Illinois State Univ.

Career Goal: After high school, I will attend Basic and AIT Training. Once I complete this training, I will start classes at Illinois State University for Nursing while continuing to serve my community as a member of the Illinois National Guard. My ultimate hope after college is to become an Emergency Room Nurse. I have also enlisted in the IL National Guard 68W (Combat Medic).



EMMA HENTHORN

High School: F.J. Turner
College: Univ. of Iowa

Career Goal: I plan to attend a four-year university to pursue a career in the medical field. I would like to work in a pediatric and/or NICU setting as a nurse upon completion of college. While pursuing my degree, I hope to volunteer at a local fire department and use my EMT license to be a paramedic.



AIDAN PACCAGNINI

High School: Hononegah
College: Univ. of Iowa

Career Goal: I plan to attend the Univ. of Iowa and major in Computer Science. After college, I want to handle cybersecurity for a technology company. With the possible dawn of Web3, the world of cybersecurity will face new and more complex problems. I want to attack those complex problems and find solutions that benefit the users of the platform.





BRODY KISER

High School: Brodhead
College: UW-Platteville

Career Goal: I am going to attend UW-Platteville to major in Mechanical Engineering and minor in Business. While at UW-Platteville my goal is to achieve outstanding grades and meet new people. I will do this by joining clubs that will help me academically along with clubs that interest me. I hope to gain recognition for the hard work that I will put in while at UW-Platteville. After college, I plan on finding a Mechanical Engineering job in Wisconsin. I hope to find a job that will help as many people as possible. My dream job would be to work for NASA. I've wanted to work there ever since I was a kid.



LOGAN GRANDT-TURKE

High School: Craig
College: Undecided

Career Goal: While I do not know exactly what I want to do yet, my goals are definitely geared towards finding a career in which I can help people. I have always enjoyed helping people and so I want to continue doing that in a professional setting. My interests are definitely aligned with liberal arts and psychology, so I could see myself going into a profession in either a psychological field (psychologist/psychiatrist), a political science major, or some sort of educational field.



REBA BREWER

High School: Clinton
College: Southwest Tech

Career Goal: My career goal is still undecided; however, going into business management gives me many different career opportunities. With getting a degree in business management, I can assist the business side of my family's farm and help it grow financially. I could also become an entrepreneur and start my own business if I so decided.



ELLIE HILDEBRANDT

High School: North Boone
College: UW-Platteville

Career Goal: I plan on going to UW-Platteville to major in Agriculture Education and minor in Dairy Science. When I have graduated I plan on staying on our dairy farm while continuing to work with organizations like Midwest Dairy to further people's education on agriculture.



ELIZABETH HUBER

High School: Parkview
College: UW-Madison

Career Goal: I plan to get my degree in cybersecurity at UW-Madison. I want to move somewhere like Washington and make my way up the ranks in my job and be the best employee I can be by doing what I love.



KARLY DUBER

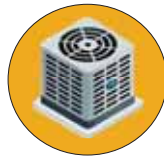
High School: Big Foot
College: Univ. of Missouri-Columbia

Career Goal: I plan to attend the Univ. of Missouri at Columbia to study broadcast journalism and marketing. In the future, I hope to be a reporter for a news station. I have always had a passion for marketing and having that background will improve my communications skills and allow me to have a better connection with my audience.



SUMMER ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

Costs associated with cooling your home can make up a large portion of your summer energy bills. Stay cool and save money with these energy-efficiency tips:



Schedule regular maintenance for your cooling equipment to maximize efficiency.



Close blinds and drapes during the day to keep heat out.



On hot days, avoid using the oven; cook on the stove, use a microwave, or grill outside.



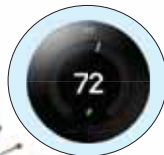
Turn off lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room. Fans cool people, not rooms.



Replace disposable air filters (or clean permanent filters) once a month to maximize efficiency.



Use solar lights to brighten up your outdoor space. Solar lights are easy to install, they are low maintenance, and they provide free electricity.



Install a programmable thermostat to easily adjust the temperature when you are sleeping or away from home.



Seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking into your home.

Check out Rock Energy's video for some useful tips to help you increase energy efficiency and save on your energy bill as the heat begins to rise. To watch the video, just click on the QR code to the right.



REC OFFICES CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

Rock Energy (REC) offices will be closed and REC personnel will be out on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or a natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

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