

LINEWORKER SCHOLARSHIP



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q : WHAT DOES AN ELECTRICAL LINeworker DO?

A : Being an electrical lineworker is a rewarding career. On any given day, a lineworker may climb poles, operate aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25 to 200 feet above the ground, work on a substation or dig trenches to string underground electric cables. This isn't your 9-to-5 desk job - a career as a lineworker takes your work outdoors in all kinds of weather. Severe weather or accidents can knock out power to a community and lineworkers may be needed at any hour to restore power.

Q : WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

A : Edison International offers a scholarship for the Powerline Mechanic Certificate at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC). The scholarship covers LATTC prerequisite fees, the costs of the certificate and tools needed for the climbing portion of the program. In addition to tuition and tools, the scholarship will cover support services as needed, such as housing, transportation and childcare.

Q : WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

A : All accepted applicants to the Powerline Mechanic Certificate Program at LATTC are eligible to apply for and compete for an Edison International Lineworker scholarship. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, hold a valid driver's license, possess a high school diploma or its equivalent and must be eligible to work in the U.S. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to residents within the Southern California Edison (SCE) service area. The program is about a 12-month commitment.

First generation college students and military veterans are highly encouraged to apply.

Applicants with felonies or drug offenses on their record need not apply. SCE requires a rigorous employee background check upon hiring.

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Q: HOW CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BE USED?

A: Acceptable use of scholarship funds, including those provided by IBEW Local 47, covers tuition, books, equipment, commercial trucking school fees and/or other costs related to the Powerline Mechanic Certificate program at LATTC. Support services for housing, transportation, childcare and general support will be determined on a case-by-case basis, with each student's needs individually evaluated by the program administrator. All designated funds will be provided to the academic institution and service providers on behalf of the awardees. Scholars have up to one year to access their scholarship funds, from Aug. 1 to July 31 of the following year. Scholars may access up to \$10,000 during the first semester (including tuition, tools and driver's education) and the remaining balance during the second semester of the program.

Q: IS THERE AN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT SCE?

A: Yes, graduates will be eligible for an entry-level skilled trade position at SCE upon completing the Powerline Mechanic Certificate program, a Class A license program and any SCE pre-employment requirements. All jobs will be located within SCE's 50,000-square-mile service area and may require relocation. Scholars have up to two years after the completion of the Powerline Mechanic certificate program (starting the following August) to secure direct job placement upon successfully completing all SCE hiring requirements. This allows for multiple attempts at the hiring tests if they are not passed on the first try. After this period, applications will be treated the same as those from the general public.

Q: HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

A: Scholarships will be awarded based on the answers submitted in the online application. Scholarship America, a reputable nonprofit organization that administers scholarships nationwide, will review applications and select the scholarship recipients. Awardees will be notified in June and are invited to an in-person awards ceremony at LATTC in July.