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WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION

Over \$18.5 Million in Scholarships Awarded!

Investing in our communities and families continues to be one of the guiding principles of electric cooperatives across the country. Since 1997, your Cooperative's Educational Foundation has awarded 2,414 college scholarships with a potential payout of \$18.5 million.

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative's Educational Foundation is a testament to our belief in the power of education, the strength of our communities, and the potential that resides within our Members. The recipients of these scholarships may attend any in-state regionally accredited college, university or technical school. Our Cooperative funds this life changing program using abandoned Capital Credits that would otherwise be forfeited to the State of Florida as abandoned property.

In 2024 WREC will select 110 high school seniors to receive \$12,000.00 each toward their undergraduate education, totaling \$1,320,000.00. Parents if you have a graduating High School Senior, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship.



Dear WREC Education Foundation,



Molly Malek, Class of 2023
Lecanto High School

I thank the scholarship committee for selecting me as a WREC Educational Foundation, Inc. recipient. I am truly honored to receive this extremely generous scholarship that will help me fund my higher education at Florida State University. I am forever grateful for your belief and support and thank you for choosing me.

As a future Environmental Science and Policy major and an incoming member of the Florida State University Honors Legal Scholars Program, I look forward to working toward becoming a champion for our environment and the community in which we live. This financial assistance will help me pay for my undergraduate educational expenses.

The WREC Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship award has profoundly impacted my life, personally and academically. This scholarship has not only lightened the financial burden on my family but also given me the confidence and motivation to pursue my educational goals with unwavering determination.

Thank you again for your generosity, support, and investment in my future. I will continue to work hard to give back to my community and the world.

Sincerely,
Molly Malek, Class of 2023 - Lecanto High School
Enrolling at Florida State University

SEE INSIDE FOR ALL OF THE 2023 WREC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

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2023 Scholarship recipients are listed alphabetically by their last name.


For more information on the WREC Educational Foundation, Inc., Scholarship Program, contact your local WREC District Office, high school guidance office or online at wrec.net

 Arossa Adhikary Land O' Lakes H.S.	 Mia Agrinoniz Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Kate Anderson Crystal River H.S.	 Kelli Ayersa Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Angellea Bachtel Pasco H.S.	 Henry Bissell Hudson H.S.	 Seth Borges Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Kyla Branon Central H.S.	 Layla Broche F.W Springstead H.S.	 Jalisa Brunson Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Bea Anne Buencamino Wendell Krinn Tech H.S.	 Maria Bustinza Gulf H.S.	 Jack Carbone Cypress Creek H.S.	 Kyla Carreiro Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Dylan Champagne Central H.S.	 Matthew Champagne Central H.S.			
 Jordyn Chevalier S.H Christan Academy	 Megan Chilelli Fivay H.S.	 Cameron Choate Cypress Creek H.S.	 Christian Clancy Dayspring Academy	 Melanie Clancy Dayspring Academy	 Nicholas Clohessy River Ridge H.S.	 Adrienne Csatos Sunlake H.S.	 Jaylin DeVaughn Crystal River H.S.	 Abigail DiPalma Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Kaylee Eisenberg Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Kylie Elliott Hernando H.S.	 Airyona Ermatinger Hudson H.S.	 Ayden Ferguson F.W Springstead H.S.	 Aydin Ferran Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Shannon Fields Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Lauralee Fuher Wesley Chapel H.S.			
 Dominick Galati Hudson H.S.	 Nathaniel Garcia F.W Springstead H.S.	 Kioni Glasgow Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Carlos Gonzalez Hernando H.S.	 Diamante Gonzalez Fivay H.S.	 Rachel Gonzalez Hudson H.S.	 Mackenzi Grey Lecanto H.S.	 Blake Hallal Lecanto H.S.	 Gavyn Hans Crystal River H.S.	 Kostadena Hartley Hernando E-School	 Nam Huynh Wiregrass Ranch H.S.	 Hannah Jackson River Ridge H.S.	 Aidan Jakubiak Crystal River H.S.	 Mary Keeley Wendell Krinn Tech H.S.	 Hannah Kiesel Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Leah Kuriakose Pasco H.S.			
 Isabelle Le-Nguyen Cypress Creek H.S.	 David Little Land O' Lakes H.S.	 Cierra Lomerson River Ridge H.S.	 Chloe Lopez F.W Springstead H.S.	 Mikayla Mahoney Cypress Creek H.S.	 Molly Malek Lecanto H.S.	 Zachary Maltese River Ridge H.S.	 Riley McDuffie Central H.S.	 Jordan McNulty Bishop McLaughlin Catholic H.S.	 Zoe Miller Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Nautica Morgret Crystal River H.S.	 Alan Nguyen Cypress Creek H.S.	 Bryan Nunez Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Jadelene Ortiz Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Anthony Otero-Cossio Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Alejandra Padilla Zephyrhills H.S.			
 Joy Padro Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Mateo Palacio Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Joaquin Parrilla IV Cypress Creek H.S.	 Hristos Pavlides Dayspring Academy	 Samuel Pearson Hernando H.S.	 Jessilyn Peppers Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Gabriela Perez Pasco H.S.	 Kylie Pitalo Crystal River H.S.	 Denise Pitocco Gulf H.S.	 John Purcell Freedom H.S.	 Warren Raskopf Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Trinity Rawald Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Ayva Rhodes Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Erin Roberts Land O' Lakes H.S.	 Savanna Robertson Bishop McLaughlin Catholic H.S.	 Dominic Robinson Hudson H.S.			
 Aliyah Rodriguez Sanchez Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Mia Rodriguez Fivay H.S.	 Jessica Rogers Fivay H.S.	 Sophia Rojas Wiregrass Ranch H.S.	 Christina Sena F.W Springstead H.S.	 Sachin Singh Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Asia Smith Cypress Creek H.S.	 Dimitrios Spaulding Citrus H.S.	 Julian Stevenson Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Emily Sutton Pasco H.S.	 Kayden Theil Hudson H.S.	 Madison Theodore Hernando H.S.	 Nicholas Truque Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Alyssa Valente Lecanto H.S.	 Zachary VanDeilen River Ridge H.S.	 Luke Vischio-Duffy F.W Springstead H.S.			
 James Wagenman Weeki Wachee H.S.	 Kyrstin Wallen Fivay H.S.	 Katherine Ward River Ridge H.S.	 Antonio Williams Wesley Chapel H.S.	 Nya Williams Cypress Creek H.S.	 Lilliana Wilson Nature Coast Tech H.S.	 Mckenna Yingling Cypress Creek H.S.	<p>WREC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS NOT PICTURED</p> <p>Mykayla Bland - Hernando H.S. Cameron Earnshaw - F. W. Springstead H.S. Sienna Hileman - F. W. Springstead H.S. Sophia Lipinski - Wesley Chapel H.S. Andrea Torres - F.W Springstead H.S.</p>									<p><i>Congratulations!</i></p> 		

WREC 2024 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

 Students are selected in their senior year of high school by local guidance counselors and Cooperative personnel.

 Applications will be available starting October 1, 2023, and postmarked no later than March 31, 2024.

 Scholarship applications can be obtained at any local Cooperative District Office, high school guidance office or online at wrec.net.

Each Applicant Must...



- Be a high school senior and maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Be the dependent of a WREC Member.
- Be a bona-fide resident within the service area of Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc., "WREC" for at least one year prior to December 31st.
- Plan to attend an in-state college, university or technical school full-time (*minimum of 12 credit hours per semester*).*
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA each semester (or higher if mandated by the institution) to maintain eligibility.

Each successful candidate will receive \$1,500.00 per semester (maximum \$12,000) for undergraduate studies. The screening and recommendation of candidates will be at the discretion of a committee designated by WREC. Application forms become available starting October 1st, at your high school guidance counselors office, any WREC District Office or online at wrec.net.

"The impact of the financial support and student scholarships provided by Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative to Pasco-Hernando State College students, and the institution, have been transformational. Student lives have been changed for the good, and forever, because of the resources our students and College have received from WREC. WREC has indeed demonstrated extraordinary passion for our students in the community over the past several decades."

-Dr. Beard, Pasco-Hernando State College President

Completed applications must be mailed to WREC Corporate Center Office and postmarked no later than March 31, 2024.

WREC Educational Foundation P.O. Box 278 Dade City, FL 33526 - 0278



*Schools must be accredited by the six regional accrediting institutions, such as SACS, recognized by the Council of higher Education Accreditation. If the institution is a technical school, it should be accredited by the council on Occupational Education or its equivalent.

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Please log on to wrec.net and click on the **Repair Street Light** button, then complete and submit the **Street Light Repair Request Form** you can also download the **SmartHub app** and request a street light repair or call your local Cooperative office.

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Your Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Corporate Office in Dade City to conduct the business of the Cooperative and its' subsidiaries.

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