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WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

Supporting our communities and the families we serve has always been at the heart of Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC). Since 1997, the WREC Educational Foundation has awarded 2,764 scholarships with a potential value exceeding $22.6 million, helping local students pursue higher education and career training.



Funded through unclaimed Capital Credits that would otherwise be forfeited to the State of Florida, the Foundation invests directly in the future of our communities.

For the 2026-2027 scholarship cycle, WREC will award scholarships to 130 graduating seniors who are dependents of WREC Members. Recipients may receive up to $12,000 toward tuition and eligible educational expenses at accredited Florida colleges, universities, or technical schools.

Parents and guardians of graduating seniors are encouraged to have their students apply. Applications are available at:

- wrec.net
- Any local WREC district office
- School guidance offices

Together, we are empowering students, strengthening communities, and investing in a brighter future.

Sincerely,

David B. Lambert II
WREC General Manager

BY THE NUMBERS

2,764
Scholarships Awarded

$22.6
Million

130
Recipients Annually

At WREC we believe that investing in education is investing in the future of our communities.

– David B. Lambert II, WREC's General Manager



2026 Scholarship recipients are listed alphabetically by their last name.



Lucas Amat
Cypress Creek H.S.



Kyleigh Anderson
Gulf H.S.



Jowell Andujar - Santana
Hudson H.S.



Ayden Arencibia
Wesley Chapel H.S.



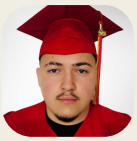
Nathan Arjona
Citrus H.S.



Isabella Bashinelli
River Ridge H.S.



Justin Bates
Lecanto H.S.



Niomar Berrios-Cosme
Hudson H.S.



Nelian Castro-Santana
Cypress Creek H.S.



Christian Chojnowsky
River Ridge H.S.



Gabrielle Clohessy
River Ridge H.S.



Jose Cordero
Hernando H.S.



Joshua Cortier
J.W. Mitchell H.S.



Emanuelli Cosme Garcia
F.W. Springstead H.S.



Ariana Cotto
Zephyrhills H.S.



Tavion Cousin
Wesley Chapel H.S.



Desmond Demorin
Wesley Chapel H.S.



Brooklyn Dunbar
Zephyrhills H.S.



Angela Echeverria
Weeki Wachee H.S.



Mathew Escobar
F.W. Springstead H.S.



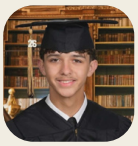
Julie Estrada-Garcia
Pasco H.S.



Rachel Farrar
F.W. Springstead H.S.



Ava Ferlita
Nature Coast Technical H.S.



Gavin Fern
Citrus H.S.



Taylor Grant
Nature Coast Technical H.S.



Shawna Griffin
Lecanto H.S.



Christopher Guasp
Wiregrass Ranch H.S.



Madeline Hahm
Cypress Creek H.S.



Bryant Halbert
Pasco H.S.



Gabriella Hamann
Nature Coast Technical H.S.



Jaidon Hawkins
Weeki Wachee H.S.



Nicole Hedquist
Nature Coast Technical H.S.



Katelyn Krapfl
River Ridge H.S.



Dominic Lamb
Cypress Creek H.S.



Jasmine Leblond
F.W. Springstead H.S.



Amanda Lemos
Kirkland Ranch Academy



Mackenzie Luster
River Ridge H.S.



Meghan Lutes
Cypress Creek H.S.



Chloe Madison
Bishop McLaughlin Catholic H.S.



Makayla Madison
Bishop McLaughlin Catholic H.S.

Melissa Melchor-Lugo
F.W. Springstead H.S.

Alexander Minguez
Dayspring Academy

Landon Mondalek
Hudson H.S.

Kayla Morgan
Weeki Wachee H.S.

Gavin Naude
Fivay H.S.

Alianna Nelson
Cypress Creek H.S.

Trent Nguyen
Wesley Chapel H.S.

Jacobo Nino
Kirkland Ranch Academy

Cane Pretorius
Nature Coast Technical H.S.

Natalia Quiles-Otero
Cypress Creek H.S.

Cylee Ramos
Wesley Chapel H.S.

Thomas Renicker
Central H.S.

Briauna Richardson
Hernando Christian Academy

Jordan Ridenour
Weeki Wachee H.S.

Michael Rodriguez
Hudson H.S.

Julia Santiago
Crystal River H.S.

Nevaeh Trahan
Dayspring Academy

Laurel Mae Tyer
Lake Gibson H.S.

Christian Urazan
Wesley Chapel H.S.

Benjamin Valera
F.W. Springstead H.S.

Timothy Vinson
Land O' Lakes H.S.

Haliyah Walton
Central H.S.

Bethany Watson
Classical Preparatory School

Madilyn Way
River Ridge H.S.



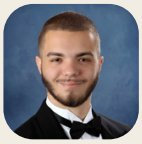
Robert Bonomo
Wiregrass Ranch Academy



Haylee Braswell
Fivay H.S.



Caitlyn Campbell
Hudson H.S.



Endri Canhasi
F.W. Springstead H.S.



Mills Carrillo
Wesley Chapel H.S.



Katarina Carroll
Cypress Creek H.S.



Anna Carter
Seven Rivers Christian H.S.



Camila Carvajal
Welsey Chapel H.S.



Grace Cox
River Ridge H.S.



Brayan Crespo-Bonachea
Hernando H.S.



Antonio Cuao
Wesley Chapel H.S.



Nikolai Dahm
Weeki Wachee H.S.



Eli Davids
Cypress Creek H.S.



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Lorelai Davis
Nature Coast Technical H.S.



Tanner DeLoach
Wendell Krinn Technical H.S.



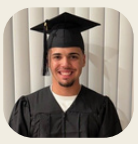
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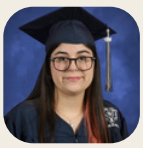
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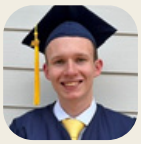
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Jacqueline Marante
Fivay H.S.



Edward Marley
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Mia Martinez
Pace - Hernando



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Kirkland Ranch Academy

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West Hernando Christian H.S.

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Cypress Creek H.S.

Amore Wright
F.W. Springstead H.S.

Tengxin Zhu
Kirkland Ranch Academy

For more information on the WREC Educational Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Program, contact your local WREC district office, high school guidance office, or visit wrec.net by scanning the QR code. Applications are open from October 1, 2026 - March 1, 2027.

Not pictured: Juan Arias, Morgan Fugate, Madeleine LaLone, Tyler Dang and Johnathon Robbins

Streetlight Out?

To report a streetlight in need of repair, please call your local cooperative office or log on to wrec.net and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.

Scan to Report



LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465
West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000
Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382

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Scan to visit wrec.net



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AS FLORIDA'S LARGEST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, WREC PROUDLY SERVES OVER 281,000 MEMBERS ACROSS FIVE COUNTIES.

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