Scholarship Opportunity

Liberty Utilities is pleased to provide a $1000 scholarship to a graduating senior from a high school within Liberty Utilities' service territory. Students must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher
2. Must attend South Tahoe HS, Portola Jr. Sr. HS, Loyalton HS, North Tahoe HS, Coleville HS, Douglas HS (must be a resident of Alpine County), or Truckee High School
3. Live within Liberty Utilities' service territory
4. Must have applied to an accredited vocational trade school, plan to pursue an apprenticeship or be accepted to an accredited 4-year or 2-year university or college
5. Must plan on pursuing a vocational trade or academic degree that supports construction, arboriculture, engineering or renewable energy or any other academic pursuit that would fulfill other utility related fields such as business, accounting, legal, communications, renewables, IT, etc.

Liberty values the services that our trade partners provide to our community. This skilled workforce maintains our customers' homes, supports new housing and economic development, implements innovative transportation solutions, provides renewable energy opportunities and maintains healthy forests. As such, we would like our scholarship to go to a student with likeminded values and interests. As part of the application process, we ask that students include **one of the three** options with their application:

1) submit a brief video highlighting a successful project that utilized a skilled trade
2) provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or trade mentor
3) write a brief essay on the importance of renewable energy, electric transportation, and/or environmental stewardship in their community or in their educational aspirations (see page 2).

Applications must be submitted to the students' high school by the published deadline as required by their scholarship program. Scholarship recipients will be selected by high school designees who will consider the student's academic performance, community and school involvement, financial need, concentration of study and any other appropriate information in addition to the required criteria established by Liberty Utilities. If possible, a representative from Liberty Utilities will present the check to the student at an appropriate ceremony as determined by the school.

Supplemental options for your application (please submit one)

Video (three minute maximum)

Showcase a recent project that involved emerging skills related to construction, arboriculture, electrical, mechanics, information technology, plumbing, or other trade skill. Describe the project and the type of skills learned. Discuss why you would like to further your expertise in this area.

Letter of Recommendation

Letter of support from a teacher, employer, or mentor from a related field. Letter should outline why student is deserving of consideration. Author should describe student's past accomplishments and why they believe they will continue to be successful with future career/academic plans.

Essay (350 word maximum)

Please present your opinion on the relevance or importance of renewable energy, electric applications and transportation, natural resource sustainability, and/or environmental stewardship in your community, country, or the world. You may discuss any aspect(s) of the topics such as environmental impact, economic implications, political influence, social adoption, etc. or you may discuss your personal commitment or involvement in environmental stewardship, what you have done/endeavor to do, what challenges you experienced or lessons learned. Any personal contribution or efforts you have made in the area of environmental stewardship, sustainability ore renewable energy should be included.

About Liberty Utilities

Liberty Utilities is your local utility company serving approximately 49,000 customers on the California side of Lake Tahoe and adjacent areas to the south and north including the cities of Markleeville, Woodfords, Topaz, Coleville, Walker, parts of Truckee & Verdi, Portola & Loyalton. We are committed to providing quality service to our customers, and our employees are involved in the communities in which they live and work. Providing scholarships to high school students within Liberty Utilities' service territory is just one of the ways we can support these communities.