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Manager's Message

Working with Local Legislators _____ by Darick Eisenbraun



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"All politics is local." This observation by the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr., former Speaker of the House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous adage underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At High Plains Power, we think it's critical to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce and vote on legislation that impacts the local business climate, the environment and quality of life for our community. That's why we work closely with our local elected officials. Afterall, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable, affordable energy, but our mission is to help our community thrive.

High Plains Power is a local business that helps power economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of the community. Our leadership, board members and employees live and work right here in the community we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for our community, ensuring that local legislators know, understand and act on the issues that are important to our area.

Providing industry guidance and expertise

As a practical matter, we recognize that most legislators are "generalists," yet they vote on a wide range of issues. Their expertise may not include the changing energy industry, which is why High Plains Power and the Wyoming Rural Electric Association provide guidance and expertise from subject matter experts who've been in the energy industry for many years.

Today's energy landscape is an increasingly complex topic covering not only the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspects of the industry, but also encompasses technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector and more.

Our experts provide briefings and background to legislators, committees, and staff, and we offer expert testimony for hearings and other legislative or regulatory meetings or gatherings. And because we're involved in economic development and we know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies under discussion might impact our region.

Representing your best interests

We strive to be a trusted resource on energy issues. Because of our deep roots in the community, we have a firm understanding of local issues



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2022 Scholarship Program

High Plains Power in partnership with Tri-State Generation and Basin Electric Power

Cooperative will be awarding \$1000 college scholarships this spring. These scholarships are intended to encourage the continued higher education of the youth of your cooperative.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must be current members of High Plains Power or the dependents of current members, or the dependents of persons receiving electricity from High Plains Power to their primary residence through a current membership in another name. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors planning to enroll as full-time students in the 2022 fall semester at any university, college or certified vocational/technical school. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have a high school grade point average or equivalent of 2.5 or

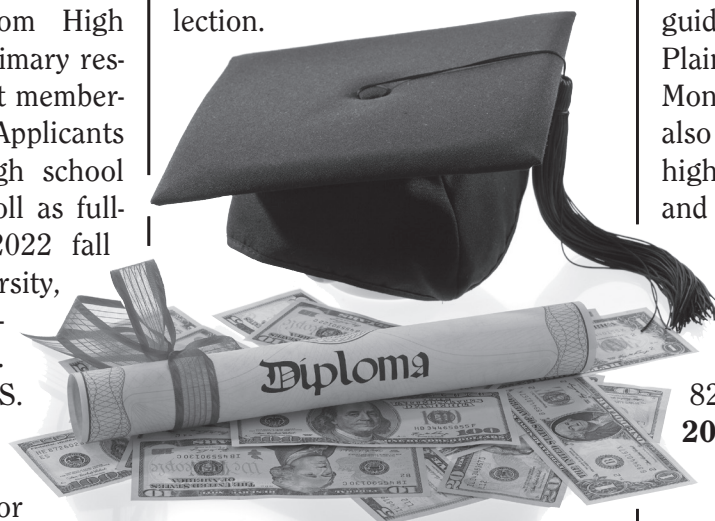
higher. Applicants must submit the required information and completed application form no later than **March 18, 2022.**

HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

Award of scholarship is based on the following criteria:

- grade point average
- work experiences
- activities
- educational and career goals
- written recommendations

A High Plains Power selection committee will make the final selection.



WHAT ARE THE RECIPIENTS' OBLIGATIONS?

Scholarship recipients must remain as full-time students during the semesters for which the scholarships are awarded. Other than payment of the scholarships, High Plains Power, Tri-State Generation and Basin Electric Power assume no obligations or liabilities.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

To apply applicants must meet the required criteria and complete the application forms, which can be obtained from their high school guidance office, or from High Plains Power located at 1775 E Monroe, Riverton WY. You may also go to our website at www.highplainspower.org to download and print the application.

Completed applications must be received at High Plains Power's Riverton office, PO Box 713, Riverton, WY 82501, no later than **March 18, 2022.**

High School Sophomores/Juniors

High School Sophomores and Juniors—Completed applications for the 2022 Youth Leadership Camp in Colorado must be received by the High Plains Power Riverton office no later than February 1, 2022. Information, applications, and a short camp video are available on our website at www.highplainspower.org.

If you have any questions about this camp or our scholarship program contact Angie Wallace at Awallace@highplainspower.org or call 307-856-9426 or 1-800-445-0613.



In January 2022, High Plains Power partnered with Touchstone Energy Cooperative and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to donate books to the Riverton Library. Continuing the cooperative commitment to bettering our community!
Riverton Branch Library

Mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, July 16, 2022, in Riverton! Come visit with friends, enjoy a meal, vote for director representation and get informed about the business of YOUR electric cooperative.

Cooperative Principle #5 – *Education, Training and Information*

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their cooperatives. They inform the general public, particularly young people and opinion leaders, about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

High Plains Power crews work in some truly beautiful settings.



Working at High Plains Power does have some wonderful perks. Working outdoors and getting to experience some of nature's beautiful and masterful works of art.

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and needs. We will continue looking after the long-term interests of our consumer-members. This means we are able to cultivate and foster positive, productive relationships with legislators who know and trust us, because we're advocating on behalf of the community we serve.

We're proud to power your life and bring good things to the community. We hope you'll continue to advise High Plains Power on matters of importance so we can continue to advocate on your behalf and improve the quality of life for all.



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