

## **Allan R. Billett Memorial Line Worker Scholarship Program**

This is a tribute to the high degree of professionalism that Allan Billett exemplified throughout his life and during his service to the Tanner Electric Board of Directors. The scholarship was created to honor the memory of Allan, who played a crucial role at Tanner Electric Cooperative as a Director and then as Board President. He was also a leader to the community of Anderson Island. He and his wife, Thelma, owned property on Anderson Island since 1967 and became permanent residents of Anderson Island in 1974.

At Tanner Electric, four core values serve as a foundation for our business practices: integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to the community. These values are shared by other cooperatives in our region, and encourage Line Workers and staff to deliver exceptional service and to support their local communities. Allan was a great example to all of us, and symbolized each one of these values.

Allan was born and raised in Tacoma, Washington. He graduated from Stadium High School, the University of Puget Sound and the University of Washington Law School. Allan served in the US Army, practiced law for more than 44 years; he was an assistant city Attorney in Tacoma for six years. He was also a Pierce County Superior Judge in 1975 and an Adjutant Professor of Law at the University of Puget Sound Law School from 1975 to 1977. He served on the Tanner Electric Board of Directors as Board President for over 15 years; he was President of WRECA for two years, Board of Director for Doctors Hospital, Faith Home and on the ethics committee of St. Joseph's Hospital. His accomplishments were extraordinary, and his willingness to serve the community was commemorative. It is our hope that the men and women in our community who apply for this scholarship will be inspired by the character of our past Board President, and friend, Allan R. Billett.

We feel the Line Workers at Tanner Electric Cooperative have a strong public service aspect, and may be referred to as that of a "first responder." Indeed in the event of power outages, natural disasters, and snow, ice and wind storms, our Line Workers are critical in restoring the electric system.

Tanner Electric would like to encourage men and women who live in the Snoqualmie Valley to apply for this scholarship and pursue an electric Line Worker career.

# Tanner Electric Cooperative Lineworker Scholarship

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**Do you want an exciting and rewarding career? Would you like a great salary and benefits? Then electrical linework may be for you.**

Nearly every American depends on electricity to function in today's society. To get that electricity to our homes and offices, power lines have been built and maintained by the highly trained and hardworking lineworkers. Lineworkers are the backbone of the electric utility industry.

## **What does an electrical lineworker do?**

An electrical lineworker performs many different tasks in a variety of situations and areas. A lineworker may be climbing poles or operating aerial lift devices to work on overhead lines 25 to 200 feet above the ground, while the very next day they may be a hundred miles away erecting a substation, or digging trenches to string underground electric cable.

Lineworkers work outside in all kinds of weather, and sometimes risk their lives to keep our communities running. Occasionally, severe weather or accidents can knock out power to a community, and linemen may be needed at any hour to restore the power.

Linework has had a reputation of being hazardous, but improved training, equipment and material have made the job very safe. Lineworkers that develop strong safety habits limit their exposure to accidents even more.

## **What career opportunities exist for electric lineworkers?**

Electric lines and facilities are being maintained, replaced and expanded at an ever increasing rate. These factors have led to the strong need for highly trained, qualified workers. Many experienced linemen are reaching retirement age, creating a need for new apprentices who can look forward to a challenging and rewarding career with excellent advancement opportunities.

## **Duties and responsibilities of a lineworker:**

- Installs, maintains and repairs electrical distribution and transmission systems, including assembling and erecting substations, placing poles and towers, stringing wire and cable, installing insulators, transformers and other equipment, as well as maintaining all of these facilities and equipment.
- Inspects and tests overhead and underground power lines and cables using specialized electrical testing equipment, and can troubleshoot these systems.
- Climbs poles or operates aerial lifts when working aloft on poles and towers.
- Splices, repairs conductors and wiring.
- Learns and applies safe practices and procedures, and understands and follows all safety requirements and regulations.
- Communicates effectively with other workers to coordinate work assignments; this includes effectively communicating technical information effectively.
- May work in confined spaces such as trenches and tunnels to install and maintain power lines and cables.
- Must be able to work as part of a team.

This scholarship program is intended to send individuals to an accredited lineworker training program to learn the basics of linework and to become an apprentice lineworker with a career in the State of Washington. An apprentice lineworker must have 6000 hours (3 years) of actual supervised work experience and pass a series of

exams during the apprenticeship before becoming a journeyman lineworker. Some hours from training programs may be credited to an individual's apprenticeship. Linework is a challenging and rewarding career. It is always interesting and often physically demanding.

If this sounds like the career for you, fill out the attached application and submit it along with your resume and transcript of grades to Tanner Electric Cooperative.

### **How much is the scholarship?**

One scholarship for \$4000.00 will be awarded to an applicant who plans to attend an approved regional lineworker training program.

### **Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?**

To be qualified for the scholarship you must be at least 17 years of age, reside in the upper Snoqualmie Valley or Anderson Island, possess a valid driver's license, be a U.S citizen, and maintain a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) while you are enrolled in a lineworker training program. Applicants must enroll in the next available session or semester in an approved regional lineworker program.

### **How is the recipient selected?**

Applicants must submit an application form, a transcript of grades and a resume detailing education, employment experience, and references. A Tanner Electric Cooperative selection committee will make the final decision.

### **What are the recipient's obligations?**

The \$4000.00 scholarship will be paid in full to an approved regional lineworker training program, prior to the start of the training. Proof of enrollment and GPA must be sent to Tanner Electric Cooperative after the end of each semester. In the event the student fails to complete the program, or fails to maintain a 2.5 GPA repayment to Tanner Electric Cooperative for the scholarship will be required.

Accepting this scholarship carries with it a contractual obligation. You must sign a contract agreeing that upon completion of the lineworker program you will apply for any apprentice lineworker position that is open at Tanner Electric Cooperative giving Tanner Electric Cooperative first consideration.

Filing an application will not guarantee employment. Length of employment shall be for a period of at least three years. If you choose not to fulfill the commitment, you are obligated to reimburse Tanner Electric Cooperative for the amount of the scholarship. If no positions are available with a Tanner Electric Cooperative, the recipient is free to choose employment with another utility.

### **How can I apply?**

Read the enclosed information and submit the attached application together with your resume and transcript of grades to Tanner Electric Cooperative, P.O Box 1426, North Bend, Washington, 98045. Applications must be received by April 1, 2011.

## Allan Billett Memorial Lineworker Scholarship Application

In addition to the information below, the applicant must also provide a resume detailing experience, employment and duties, specialized skills and references. Applicants must also provide a transcript of grades from any educational institution attended within the past three (3) years. (Amount of scholarship \$4000.00) To be eligible to apply you must be a resident of the upper Snoqualmie Valley or Anderson Island.

**Application must be received by April 1, 2011**

### Required Information (Please Print)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number (SSN): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a citizen of the United States?	Yes	No
Are you a Washington resident?	Yes	No
Do you have a valid driver's license?	Yes	No
Are you at least 18 years of age?	Yes	No
Have you received your high school diploma or GED certificate?	Yes	No
Are you currently enrolled in high school, college, or technical school?	Yes	No
If yes, provide the name of school: _____		
Have you ever been employed by an electric utility or cooperative?	Yes	No
If yes, provide name and dates of employment: _____		
Are you currently employed?	Yes	No
List name of employer: _____		
May we contact your employer?	Yes	No
Are you willing to relocate to attend training school?	Yes	No

### Applicant's Statement

I agree to apply for any apprentice line worker position that is open at Tanner Electric Cooperative upon the completion of the line worker program giving Tanner Electric first consideration. I understand that successful completion of the line worker program does not guarantee me a position with Tanner Electric. I certify that the answers given herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary for scholarship consideration. In the event I receive the scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information may result in forfeit of the scholarship. I also understand that I am required to abide by all regulations as outlined by the Tanner Electric Board of Directors. I also acknowledge I may be subject to a drug and alcohol screenings.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date