

White River Valley Electric Cooperative News Release

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For immediate release:

100 students receive scholarships from Cooperative's trust program Operation Round Up

Branson, Missouri – White River Valley Electric Cooperative's (WRVEC) trust program, Operation Round Up, has awarded 100 scholarships to students for tuition assistance. Each student will receive \$1,500 to further their education or vocational career.

Scholarship applications are available to students from the cooperative's five-county service area every spring. Candidates are evaluated based on financial need, overall academic performance, extra-curricular involvement, and college acceptance.

"We are excited to help area students take the next steps to developing their future," said the program's facilitator Nathan Stearns.



Operation Round Up Board: Front Row (Left to right) -Rhonda Suter, Treasurer; Nathan Stearns, WRVEC Community Programs Coordinator; and Jo Stehle, Secretary. Back Row: Steve Holland; Jerry Jenkins; Cynthia Glenn, President; and Eddie Goins.

Not pictured: Anne Coleman, Chip Arnette, and Janna Hesterlee

Operation Round Up is in its 29th year at WRVEC and to date has returned more than \$4.1 million back to the community, with nearly \$2,000,000 going to higher education. Funds come from cooperative members who allow their bills to be rounded-up to the next dollar. In addition to scholarships, the money is allocated for area families struggling with the financial burden of long-

term illness, tragic accident or devastating fire, and for community needs such as rural fire departments, senior citizen centers, food pantries, and children's health programs.

Willow Amann Kylie Michelle Purdome Kellen Dane Hendrix Stanley John Lancaster Jacie Bradley Hayden Day Emily E McCulloch Paige Kimmons Kaden Gammon **Emilee Rowe** Dominic Darnell Hannah Collins-Gibson Leisl Jansen Grace Key Joshua Willis Jesslyn Ahrends **Bailey Owens** Abbigail Freeman Kayla Purdome Ryan Highfill Sarah Weisman Jazmin Garcia Garrett Morgan Nathan J Guy Katelyn Patrick **Rebecca Smith** Mariah Aldrich **Buck Sanders** Mason M. Cole Madison Stickle **Derek Allen Lovelace** Jaxon Britt Abigail Pride **Dillon Dougherty** Olivia Engelman Sarah Hutchison Noah Beyer Abigail Hasley Julia Scherer

The following is a complete list of 2021 scholarship recipients:

Madison Raye Evans Hailey Brown Keelei Plummer McKenna Robison **Kourtney Shipley** Alivia Hackman Josie Glenn **Tenley Wilkerson** Emma Breeden **Kaylee Downs** Kayla Alyse Lindsey **Kylie Calhoun** Aaron Tomczyk Olivia Leigh Heriford Mason Miller **Daniel Pilotto** Kambria Carrollynn Todd Gavin Rowbotham Kyla Kay McClintic Victoria Shipley Jadyn Frey Michaela Swofford Jackson Miller Kera Mingus Garrett Coggin Connor Wiest **Carter Brown** Abby Lynette Donley Haley Swift **Troy Froeschle** Kamryn Collins Joshua Janes Isabella Rose Portis Faith Wilson Faith Collins-Gibson **Tristen Blake Portis** Jonathan Thomas Majah Miller Tyke Warner Wells Ashley Matthews Kaitlyn Armstrong Lisa Burke Faith Ann White **Daniel Dickey** Lane Clouse Madison Shipley **Kevin Frey** Madison Pardeck **Keeley Combs Emily Edwards Brooklyn Burtless** Kobe Marc Hendrix Joanne Sinniah Gavin Lane Reese Hope Catherine Barker Lucas Crow Adelyn Weaver Diego Paz Ashton Davidson Brooke Davis Sydney Sanders

For more information about the scholarship program visit <u>https://www.whiteriver.org/community/operation-</u> round-up/scholarships/

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