

White River Valley Electric Cooperative News Release

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Cooperative's trust program awards \$100,500 in scholarships to area students

Branson, Missouri – White River Valley Electric Cooperative's (WRVEC) trust program, Operation Round Up, has awarded \$100,500 in scholarships to students for tuition assistance. 67 area students will receive \$1,500 to further their education or vocational career.

"It is so rewarding and encouraging to award these scholarships to these talented and deserving students," said Chip Arnette, President of the ORU board. "It is an honor to serve on the Operation Roundup Board and work with WRVEC to pay it forward in our local communities."



Operation Round Up Board: Front Row (Left to right) –Cynthia Glenn; Jo Stehle, Secretary; Rhonda Suter; and Jana Hesterlee, Treasurer. Back Row: WRVEC Community Programs Coordinator; and Back Row: Chip Arnette, President; Eddie Goins; and Steve Holland, Vice President. Not pictured: Anne Coleman and Jerry D. Jenkins

Scholarship applications are available to

students from the Cooperative's five-county service area every spring. Applicants are awarded based on how well they demonstrate their drive to impact their local community through service of various kinds while maintaining academic excellence.

Operation Round Up is in its 30th year at WRVEC and to date has returned more than \$4.5 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.

The following is a complete list of 2022 scholarship recipients:

Ashley Matthews	Kylie Calhoun	Landry Jenkins	Julia Henry
Josie Glenn	Ethan G Jones	Gavin Reese	Madison Wade
Julia Scherer	Macee Cutbirth	Troy Froeschle	Owen Dean
Jesslyn Ahrends	Joanna Lansman	Autumn Brynildson	Nicole Zorzi
Kera Mingus	Landry Stuart	Major Cardin	Garrett Coggin
Kaitlyn Armstrong	Miah Norman	Lauren King	Ashton Davidson
Hope Barker	Ashley McCulloch	Kaden Gammon	William Stark
Kayla Lindsey	Joanne Sinniah	Connor Candler	Natalie Kiger
Brooke Wiggins	Ryan Thomas	Emma Beadle	Hailey Brown
Emma Breeden	Reuben Fansler	Madyson Reinke	Madelyn Volz
Lane Clouse	Grace Tate	Olivia Heriford	Emma Woodward
Colleen Myers	Kambria Todd	Ryan Highfill	Payton M. Beeler
Kayli Nimmo	Baylan Alexander	Andrew Dalton	Anny Campbell
Reece Keller	Jadyn Frey	Kirsten Berndt	Meredith Hatley
Kollin Kolb	Zackery Miller	Gracie Ramos	Tyler Albright
Mason Fetter	Emmalea Cook	David Hadaller	Tyke Wells
Elijah Glenn	Kellen Hendrix	Abigail Pride	

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

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