



Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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2026 Beverly Maasak Ahgeak Memorial Scholarship

Description and Requirements

BUECI is proud to announce that we have available up to five (5) \$1,500 scholarships for graduating seniors each year. The scholarships will be awarded during graduation ceremonies in May. Homeschool, Qargi Academy, and Kiita graduates are welcome to apply.

Eligibility: To be eligible for any scholarship, **the applicant or applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of the Cooperative.** The recipient must have received or intend to receive a high school diploma or equivalent in Barrow, including home school or a boarding school within the State of Alaska. Applications will be reviewed by the BUECI administration and the BUECI Board of Directors. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants based on their response to the scholarship criteria. These are nonrenewable and students must be beginning an educational program or apprenticeship program.

Funds Distribution: The scholarship funds will be disbursed to the school or university through the Financial Aid Office or Admissions Office for administration of the funds on behalf of the recipient. Scholarship funds may be used for registration, tuition, books, course-related supplies and tools, and room and board fees. Students have up to one (1) year from the date of award to use their scholarship. Any funds not used by the recipient will revert to the Cooperative. Students must maintain full-time or part-time status in the institution or program to receive scholarship funds. Enrollment will be verified before the funds are transmitted to the institution or program.

Application Period: The application period for the scholarships is open from Monday, February 23, 2026, through Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 p.m., and they will be awarded in May 2026.

Notification: Scholarship recipient(s) selected to receive the BUECI Scholarship will be notified before graduation. Essay and photograph of recipient(s) may be included in Ruralite Magazine.

For more information, contact the Executive Assistant at (907) 852-6166, scholarships@bueci.org, or PO Box 449, Barrow, Alaska 99723.



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2026 Beverly Maasak Ahgeak Memorial Scholarship Instructions

1. **Complete all application requirements.** Be sure to sign the application where indicated. Type or print legibly in blue or black ink only.
2. **Include an essay describing:** The importance of utilities to a community. No more than 2 pages. Use white letter size paper and font size 12, and double spaced. Do not use bold, italics, or underlining.
3. **Short question/answer:** On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions (one paragraph each). Each response will be scored separately.
 - a) Describe the features of a cooperative business model and what is the importance of a cooperative?
 - b) What is the importance of community involvement and how are you involved in your community?
 - c) What are your personal goals, and why are personal goals important?
4. **Include your most recent transcripts.** Transcripts may be dated no earlier than 2/23/2026.
5. **Optional: References** may be included from school administrators, teachers, counselors, business or community leaders, employers, or ministers. Letters may not be submitted by relatives (grandparents, parents, siblings, uncles/aunts, cousins, nephews/nieces, etc.). Inform your references that their letters must be returned to you, so you can submit them with your application by the deadline. Do not send them separately from your application or your application will be considered incomplete. The references should be recent (within the last 9 months) and should be from individuals knowledgeable enough about both academically and personally to provide insight into your character, abilities, and potential. When you make the request of your evaluators, be sure they feel comfortable about completing the reference letter.
6. All pages submitted should be on white, letter size paper, and printed on only one-side for easier duplication. Include only the requested documentation. Other materials included will not be considered. When typing, use font size 12 and double space.
7. **Deadline:** Submit completed, hard-copy application packet with all attachments by **Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5 p.m.** to BUECI, 1295 Agvik Street/PO Box 449, Barrow, Alaska 99723. All information must be received together. Do not send transcripts, references, or other information separately as they will not be considered. Email submissions will be accepted if sent to **scholarships@bueci.org**. Mailed applications will be considered if they are received (not postmarked) by the deadline date and time.

Be thoughtful of the email address if submitting by email. Do not misspell it!



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Application Form

Deadline: April 13, 2026 at 5 p.m.

Submit completed application and attachments to the BUECI office at 1295 Agvik Street (PO Box 449), Barrow, Alaska.

Student's Name _____

SSN _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone _____ GPA: _____

I am a resident of (City/State): _____

My parent (or guardian), _____, is a member of BUECI.

Student's desired field of study: _____

List involvement you have had in extracurricular school activities (sports, clubs, etc.) and in your local community. If additional space is necessary, please attach a separate page.

Attachments:

- ✓ A current high school transcript with GPA (**Required**)
- ✓ Answers to questions (one paragraph each) (**Required**)
 - a) Describe the features of a cooperative business model and what is the importance of a cooperative?
 - b) What is the importance of community involvement and how are you involved in your community?
 - c) What are your personal goals, and why are personal goals important?
- ✓ Original essay (no more than two pages) that answers this question: What is the importance of utilities to a community? (**Required**)
- ✓ Recommendation letters (Optional)

I certify that my application has been completed correctly and completely by me in accordance with the scholarship application criteria:

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____