

## **Basin Electric scholarship winners announced**

Each year Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC) provides \$1,000 to Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative (DVEC) to be awarded to a qualified student who demonstrates academic and extracurricular achievement. Now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, the scholarship program has awarded 5,108 scholarships worth just over \$5.1 million.

This year, two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in Dakota Valley's service area.

**CALEB HAUCK:** The first \$1,000 scholarship, awarded to the dependent child of a DVEC member-owner, went to Caleb Hauck, a senior at Ellendale Public High School.

Hauck, who maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA throughout high school, joins 137 other students selected by their local cooperatives to receive a Basin scholarship in 2020. He was selected out of a field of 20 students competing for the scholarship in DVEC's service area.

Hauck plans to continue his education at North Dakota State University with a goal of becoming an attorney specializing in agricultural law.

Hauck's parents Keith and Janell Hauck are DVEC member-owners who live and ranch in the Forbes area.

**KIAUNA BERGH:** The second \$1,000 scholarship, awarded to the dependent child of a rural electric cooperative employee, went to Kiauna Bergh, a senior at Sargent-Central High School in Forman.

Kiauna is one of only 20 students in BEPC's eight-state service area to receive this scholarship.

Kiauna plans to continue her education at North Dakota State University, where she will study nursing, with a long-term goal of becoming a nurse-practitioner.

Kiauna's parents, Randy and Laura Bergh, live near Forman. Laura Bergh has been employed at DVEC since 2018.

The BEPC Scholarship program is designed to encourage and recognize student achievements throughout Basin's eight state service area. The scholarship is based on many factors, including an essay explaining "How cooperatives can be economic engines for local communities."

This year more than 181 deserving students from across BEPC's eight-state service area are getting a boost in their college funds for the 2020-2021 school year because of this program.

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