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### **CHELCO ANNOUNCES THE 2016 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Three area students will receive a CHELCO Scholarship*

CHELCO will award three one-time scholarships of \$1,000 in May. The scholarship is designed to help members or their dependents with college expenses. Applicants must be a CHELCO member, spouse or dependent of a member and must live on CHELCO lines.

Applications are available now, and the application deadline is March 15, 2016. The applicants will be reviewed by judges from area colleges and universities for academic excellence, participation in community and school activities, as well as, individual need. Select applicants will then be interviewed for the final step of the process. Graduating high school seniors, current college students as well as adults returning to college are eligible to apply.

“CHELCO is supportive of its members through many sponsorships and donations to organizations that build our community,” said Vice President of Member Services, Steve Wolfrom. “We believe higher education for local students is a way of giving back to our community and improving the quality of life for members.”

Applications can be obtained online at [chelco.com](http://chelco.com), through the school’s guidance or admissions offices, or by visiting any of our six office locations.

CHELCO is a not-for-profit electric distribution cooperative serving more than 47,000 accounts in Walton, Okaloosa, Holmes and Santa Rosa counties.