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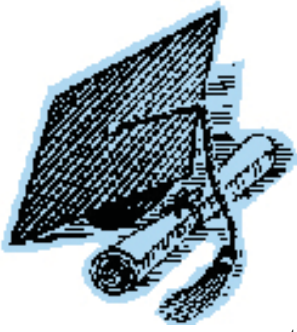
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\$1500 Scholarships To Lane Community College Offered by Lane Electric

Background: Lane Electric has always supported continuing education by providing scholarships for high school seniors who intend to attend Lane Community College. In the past, only two scholarships were available for seniors who graduated from local high schools in and around Lane Electric's service territory. Our Board of Directors have agreed to offer four \$1500 scholarships for qualifying applicants who wish to continue their post-high school education.

Program: Lane Electric offers four \$1500 scholarships for continuing education. Two of the scholarships are still reserved specifically for graduating seniors who plan on attending Lane Community College (LCC). The other two \$1500 scholarships have been designated by the Board as "at large" scholarships and are available to all qualifying members of Lane Electric. The "at large" scholarships are available to any person(s) interested in continuing their education (post high school), i.e., graduating seniors, single parents, senior citizens, college students, etc, who plan on attending Lane Community College (LCC).

Due to a potential conflict of interest, employees and their family members, Board members and their family members, and members of the Selection Committee and members of their families are not eligible to apply for Lane Electric's scholarships.

Application: When applying for one of Lane Electric's scholarships, the application must be made either through the counselor's office at the local high schools (in the case of graduating seniors) or directly through Lane Electric for the "at large" scholarship applicants, depending on the application criteria.

Applicant Selection Criteria:

- **Scholastic:** All applicants must meet the entrance requirements of the Lane Community College before applying for a scholarship.
- **Residence:** The member/applicant or parent or guardian of the applicant, must be a member, in good standing, with Lane Electric.
- **College:** Lane Electric has chosen to limit the use of their four \$1500 scholarships (two for graduating seniors and two "at large") to Lane Community College (LCC).
- **Financial Need:** Consideration will be given to the financial need of the applicant.
- **Qualifying Activities:** To include, but not be limited to the following:
 - Scholastic Ability
 - Moral & Ethical Attitude and Conduct
 - School Activities
 - Community Involvement
 - Citizenship
 - Future Goals



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Moving in a new direction
Automated Meter Reading offers a wide-range of benefits...

...take your personal security and privacy, for example! *Today, everyone is concerned about their personal safety and privacy. Rightfully so. And Lane Electric is no exception. With an automated meter reading (AMR) system, unless you have a situation that requires someone from Lane Electric to be on site, your electric meter will only need to be visited and inspected once a year.*

Before the advent of AMR, there were only a few ways for electric co-ops to get your monthly meter readings.

At some co-ops, electric meters are read every month by the members, noted on a "meter-reading" card and mailed into the office for processing.

At others, like Lane Electric, meter readers make their way around the system each month gathering meter readings and delivering them to the office for processing. Both ways still work. Both have their drawbacks!

For electric systems whose meters are "self-read",

personal privacy and security are not big issues. However, inaccurate and untimely meter readings are. As a result, on-site visits to member's homes can be required and privacy is sacrificed.

Unless you have a service problem, with AMR, there really is no need for anyone from Lane Electric to be on your property more than once a year.

With AMR, your privacy and security is not compromised. Lane Electric will be able to read your electric meter on the same day every month without having to physically visit your home.

Lane Electric cares about your personal security and privacy. AMR makes it happen!

...each month, a new benefit of AMR!

- Ⓜ Greater Personal Security
- Ⓜ Increased Privacy At Home
- Ⓜ Increased Meter Accuracy
- Ⓜ Consistent Billing Periods
- Ⓜ Improved Outage Detection
- Ⓜ Faster Emergency Response Times
- Ⓜ Shorter Power Outages
- Ⓜ Improved Customer Service
- Ⓜ Increased Operating Efficiencies
- Ⓜ Voltage Monitoring Capabilities
- Ⓜ Remote Connects & Disconnects
- Ⓜ Improved Employee Safety

Consider adding colorful maples to your landscape mix this spring!

January, February and March are great months to plant trees around your property -especially trees that not only minimize utility bills, but lend beautiful fall colors to the landscape as well.

Many of our most beautiful fall colors come from the genus *Acer*, or Maple. When most people think of Maple trees, they often think of the species that grow to very large sizes, such as Sugar maple, Red maple, or Bigleaf maple.

But there are many smaller growing maple trees that are suitable for planting here in Oregon, on your street or in your yard. Here are a few ideas to get you started in adding color to your landscape using some of the smaller-maturing maples.

Hedge Maple (*Acer campestre*): In Europe, the dense foliage of this maple is often pruned to a hedge - hence its common name. Hedge maples can grow to 25 - 45 feet or more in height. Foliage turns a beautiful yellow or golden color in the fall - one of the last trees to turn color. This tree is very tolerant to heat and drought, and is relatively free of insect pests and diseases.

It prefers sun or light shade. Easy to transplant, these attractive trees have a shallow root system and cast dense shade. Fairly adaptable in terms of soil, hedge maple prefers rich, well-drained soil but performs well in high pH soils or acid soils. They're also tolerant of dry soils and compaction, as well as air pollution.

Hedge maples also go by the names "field maple" or "common maple." Landscapers use the Hedge Maple as a lawn tree, along streets, and in parks.

Several selections are available, usually from specialty nurseries, including the following cultivated varieties, or cultivars:

'Carnival' - Slow growing shrub, to 2-3 m, small leaves with white margins.

'Nanum' ('Compactum') - Small rounded, very dense shrub, to 4-5 m, leaves smaller than species type.

'Postelense' - Spreading shrub, to 3-4 m, leaves gold-yellow in spring, greenish yellow in summer; best in partial shade.

'Pulverulentum' - Low compact shrub, to 2.5 m high, usually wider than tall, white marbled leaves; needs protection from sun.

'Queen ElizabethTM' ('Evelyn') - Fast growing narrow tree, leaves slightly larger than species type.

'Royal Ruby' - Shrubby tree, vigorous, to 4.5 m, young leaves purplish-red, very few fruit.

Amur Maple (*Acer ginala*): The Amur Maple grows to a height of 15 - 20 feet, and is another fine choice for fall color display. Amur maple is certain to become widely used as it is an attractive, fuss-free maple. These trees are native to northern China, grow well in full sun or light shade, and transplant easily.

The Amur maple is also well-suited for planting close to power lines since it slows down and remains small at maturity. Amur maples are more tolerant of adverse conditions than most other maples; they're very cold hardy, and may be used as a street tree, hedge, or in large containers.

Amur maple also has its brilliant autumn coloration to recommend it.

The Mozart Amur Maple cultivar reaches 20 - 25 feet in height, is bright green, and brilliant red in fall. It's selected for its conical, symmetrical form, strong central leader, red samaras and bright fall color.

Growth rate is moderate, and it requires little pruning to maintain its upright trunk and naturally symmetrical form. It grows well in full sun or light shade, and is adaptable to a wide range of well-drained soils - but not arid or alkaline conditions.

Paperbark Maple (*Acer griseum*): The leaves of the Paperbark Maple turn brilliant orange-red in autumn. Tree height varies from 20 - 30 feet. This tree is relatively free of diseases and insect pests. A

native of China, Paperbark Maples were introduced into the U.S. about 1901.

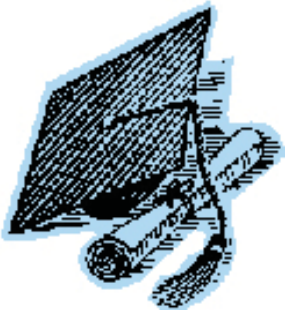
The bark of the tree is cinnamon to reddish-brown, paper-thin, and it peels trunk and branches in narrow strips, making it an excellent species for winter interest as well. It grows well in well-drained soils that are either acid or alkaline. Landscapers plant the Paperbark Maple as an ornamental in a variety of planting situations.

If you would like to see pictures of some of these trees, and many others, visit the tree selection pages of Oregon State University's Horticulture website at <http://oregon-state.edu/dept/ldplants/>

Be sure to avoid planting the larger maples under or near power lines, as they will eventually need a significant amount of pruning in order to coexist with the safe reliable delivery of electric power to your home. The smaller maples are a great way to add color and versatility to your landscape.



Paperbark Maple



Applicant Selection Criteria (continued from page 5)

- **Screening:** Please include the following information with your typed application:
 - A copy of your most recent transcript of grades
 - A letter of introduction describing your attitude and your goals.
 - Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or staff or personal/professional references

- **Award:** The scholarship award will be sent directly to Lane Community College for an associates or bachelors program of choice to insure that the scholarship funds are used for continuing education. Funds must be used for tuition, books and curriculum related expenses. If the recipient of the scholarship terminates the program of study prior to the end of the funding period, Lane Community College must agree to refund the remaining unused portion of the scholarship back to the Lane Electric scholarship fund. An alternate recipient for each of the four scholarships will be selected.

- **Amount:** Lane Electric will award four \$1,500 scholarships annually to Lane Community College.

- **Duration:** Lane Electric's scholarships are not necessarily limited to a one year scholarship. It is understood that there may be instances whereby the disbursement of scholarship funds be done over more than a single academic year. Should this become necessary, Lane Electric must be notified in writing, in advance so proper arrangements can be made. Successful recipients may reapply the following year for an additional scholarship, but must go through the entire selection process again.

- **Specifics:** The following are 3 areas of importance:
 - The scholarship committee can be made up of but not limited to the following:
 - Any decisions of the scholarship committee are final
 - Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail

- **Duties:** Below are some of the duties, responsibilities and guidelines relevant to the scholarship recipients.
 - Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend the following functions to be recognized:
 - commencement exercises, awards ceremonies, annual and / or member meetings, etc.
 - Two finalists shall be selected for each of the four scholarships; the recipient and an alternate. If for any reason, the primary candidate fails to register for continuing education, the alternate shall be awarded the scholarship. If no alternates are available, the scholarship shall revert back into Lane Electric's scholarship fund.

- **Deadline / Timing:** The Deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 7, 2006 at 5:00 PM at Lane Electric's Headquarters facility.

A sample application is shown on page 29 of this issue. If you are interested, we will mail or email you the information upon request.

Don't Forget...Deadline Is Friday, April 7, 2006 at 5:00 PM

SAMPLE Scholarship Application To Lane Community College

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Age: _____
Month Day Year

Address: _____

Phone: _____

LEC Account #: _____

Guardian: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Applicant Occupation: _____

Place of Employment: _____

EDUCATION:

Proposed Field of Study at Lane Community College: _____

High School Attended: _____

Transcript of Grades: Attach a copy of your most recent transcripts, or SAT/ACT scores (home school), to the application and mail it to: Lane Electric Cooperative, 787 Bailey Hill Road / P.O. Box 21410, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Financial Need: Is there any other financial aid you are to receive in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, etc? _____

ACTIVITIES:

Please List Any Extra-Curricular Activities You Have Participated In: (Choir, Drama, etc.) _____

Please List Any Sports You Have Been Involved With: _____

What Honors Have You Received, Both In And Out Of School? _____

Please List Any Offices Held, Both In And Out Of School: _____

Please List Any School And Community Activities You Have Been Involved With: (4-H, FBLA, etc.) _____

I have read, and understand that these scholarships are for Lane Community College and that my application is due to Lane Electric no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, April 7, 2006, or I will not be considered as a candidate.

I also understand that if I am awarded Lane Electric's scholarship, and for some unforeseen reason not able to continue with my education or training, I must notify Lane Electric immediately, in writing, so that an alternate may receive the scholarship.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Down The Line



Dear Member:

Your help is needed! The President's Budget for next year includes a proposal that could raise the cost of your electricity in the future. If implemented, the Administration's proposal would direct BPA to divert a significant portion of its revenues towards accelerated debt payments to the U.S. Treasury for federal deficit reduction instead of being used to reduce or stabilize electric rates in the Pacific Northwest. This proposal could increase wholesale power rates by as much as 10 percent in 2008-2009 alone.

Because Lane Electric buys most of its power from BPA, each member could be impacted by this proposal. It could be considered as a new tax on consumers in our region who depend on the clean, renewable power generated by the federal hydropower system. Northwest ratepayers already make all principle and interest payments on BPA's debt to the federal Treasury in full and on time.

Members of the Northwest Congressional delegation already have expressed their concern to the Administration. If you would like to make your objection known, write to:

Steve Wright, Administrator
 Bonneville Power Administration
 P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

If you choose to respond, the main points that should be addressed in your letter are:

- The Administration should withdraw the misguided BPA budget proposal.
- It would needlessly raise rates on Northwest citizens.
- BPA's rates are already too high after the nearly 50 percent increase a few years ago.
- Northwest ratepayers pay all the costs of the federal hydropower system and should continue to receive the benefits of that system.

In a joint press release by the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA) and the Pacific Northwest Generating Cooperative (PNGC Power), ORECA's Executive Director, Sandy Flicker, reiterated the opposition of Oregon's electric cooperatives to the proposal. And, Patrick Reiten, President and CEO of PNGC Power explained that the proposal "...is nothing more than a tax on consumers who depend on the federal hydro system."

Last month, the co-chairmen of the U.S. House Northwest Energy Caucus sent a letter to the Director of the Office of Management and the Budget (OMB), Josh Bolten, calling upon the Administration to withdraw the proposal. In their letter, U.S. Reps. Greg Walden (R-Oregon) and Peter DeFazio (D-Oregon) urged the OMB to "suspend the pursuit of this ill-conceived plan which would negatively impact the Northwest economy."

Senator Ron Wyden (D-Oregon) and Senator Gordon Smith (R-Oregon) urged Secretary of Energy Bodman to reconsider the proposal, noting the devastating impacts in a state with unemployment twice the national average. Secretary Bodman said he would meet with the Northwest delegation to discuss the proposal before taking further action.

While it appears the Administration has received the message, thanks in large part to swift action by our Congressional delegation, more work remains to be done.

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