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Subject: Scholarship Winners Announced

Three college students and two graduating high school seniors received scholarships totaling \$3,250 from Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative of Le Mars, Iowa, and its business partner, Basin Electric Power Cooperative of Bismarck, N.D.

NIPCO and Basin together provide the scholarships to recognize the academic excellence and community involvement of their employees' and members' children.

Theresa Stevenson, a freshman in psychology at the University of South Dakota, won the \$1,000 Basin Electric scholarship. She is the daughter of Celia and Brad Stevenson of Blencoe, Iowa. Brad Stevenson is foreman for NIPCO's crew stationed at Onawa.

Jaclyn Ver Mulm, who graduates this spring from Unity Christian High School in Orange City, received the \$750 NIPCO scholarship. She is the daughter of Kathy and Steve Ver Mulm of Le Mars. Steve Ver Mulm is vice president of engineering and operations at NIPCO. Jaclyn will attend Dordt College in the fall.

Layne Britton, who graduated this spring with a geology degree from Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, won a \$500 scholarship from NIPCO. He will be a graduate student at Southern Illinois University in the fall. He is the son of Kay Anderson of Le Mars and Jack Britton. Anderson is NIPCO's economic development director.

NIPCO also provides two \$500 scholarships for the offspring of an employee of a NIPCO member cooperative. This year's winners are Jeremy Kippley and Ashton Miller.

Kippley will be a sophomore business administration major at Central College of Pella. He is the son of Suzanne and Jerome Kippley of Denison. Jerome Kippley is material clerk and first-class lineman for Western Iowa Power Cooperative of Denison, a NIPCO member cooperative.

Miller graduates in May from West Monona High School. She is the daughter of Elaine and Darl Miller of Onawa. Elaine Miller is employed by the City of Onawa, which is part of Western Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association, a partner in NIPCO. Ashton will be a freshman at the U.S. Air Force Academy starting in June.

NIPCO, a Touchstone Energy cooperative headquartered in Le Mars, is a wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative owned by six rural electric cooperatives and a full-service municipal electric cooperative serving six western Iowa towns. Touchstone Energy is a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service to customers large and small. More than 630 Touchstone Energy cooperatives in 45 states deliver energy and energy solutions to more than 22 million customers every day. Touchstone Energy cooperatives serve their members with integrity, accountability, innovation and a long-standing commitment to communities.

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