

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Grand Valley Power Selects 2018 Scholarship Winners

Seven students awarded GVP scholarships for continuing education

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO. - (March 26, 2018) – The Grand Valley Power Scholarship Committee has selected seven outstanding students to receive scholarships to pursue undergraduate degrees. Grand Valley Power has given over \$167,000 since 1996, and education and training is a thread that weaves throughout our cooperative principles.

The committee determines who is selected based on academic performance, reference letters, essay composition, achievements, financial need and community or school involvement.

The Western Colorado Community College Electric Lineworker Scholarship application is open until June 1, 2018 and can be found at [gvp.org/scholarship-program](http://gvp.org/scholarship-program).

The 2018 scholarship recipients are listed below:

**Jack Broughton – Colorado Mesa University Scholarship** - \$2,000 (renewable for three years)

**Rebekah Nordstrom** is a graduating senior at Mesa Valley Community School with intent to major in nursing at Colorado Mesa University. Rebekah is an active member of her community through participating in her church worship team and volunteering at St. Mary's Hospital and The Pregnancy Center. She is also an accomplished singer and pianist.

**Grand Valley Power Scholarship** - \$1,500 each (one-time scholarship)

**McKenna Young** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School with intent to major in education to pursue a career as an agriculture teacher. McKenna is active in 4-H and has been the Fruita Future Farmers of America Chapter President for two years. McKenna is active in the Loma 4-H chapter and has shown pigs since she was eight years old. She will be attending Northeastern Junior College.

**Grace Weiland** is a graduating senior at Mesa Valley Community School with intent to major in nursing to pursue the career of an ER nurse. Grace was awarded the Gold President's Volunteer Service Award, only after completing over 500 hours of community service. She is also very involved with sports and civic class as a student leader.

**Nolan Quinn** is a graduating senior at Grand Junction High School with intent to major in music education to pursue a career as a teacher. Nolan has been heavily involved in music, spending his time in marching band, jazz band, wind symphony and symphonic band. Nolan also commits his time as a mentor for local middle schools and percussion ensemble, while holding a job outside of school. He will be attending Colorado Mesa University.

**Kaylee Ferrell** is a graduating senior at Caprock Academy with intent to major in mechanical engineering. Kaylee has been heavily involved in extra-curricular activities including National Honor Society, Student Council, Latin Club and Aerospace Club, to name a few. Academically, she is an excellent student and is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2018. She will be attending Colorado School of Mines.

**Kersi Latham** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School with intent to major in agriculture business. Kersi has volunteered over 250 hours in our community and is currently active in 4-H showing her cattle. In addition, she's participated as a livestock judge for four years through FFA. She will be attending Northeastern Junior College.

**William Vrooman** is a graduating senior at Fruita Monument High School with intent to major in mechanical engineering. William is the president of the Future Business Leaders of America club and captain for the district swim team. In addition, he also has volunteered his time to teach younger children to read who were struggling. He will be attending Colorado Mesa University.

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### ***About Grand Valley Power***

Organized in 1936, Grand Valley Power is the first rural electric cooperative in Colorado. Serving over 17,000 customers within the Mesa County area, Grand Valley Power is dedicated to empowering lives with hometown service with safe, affordable, reliable electricity. For more information, visit [gvp.org](http://gvp.org).

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