

AVEC Scholarships Available Year-Round

Every year, the AVEC board awards scholarships totaling up to \$30,000 to between 15 and 25 students from our 52 member villages.

Starting in 2007, the AVEC board has decided to make scholarships available throughout the year for young people seeking higher education. The board has done this because we have been getting more and more inquiries during the year from folks wanting to attend academic and vocational/technical schools whose terms start in the winter or spring.

In this issue of Ruralite magazine, you will find a couple of examples of stories written by students attending George Morgan Senior High School in Kalskag. These delightful essays are proof positive that the art of storytelling is still alive and flourishing in our communities and that our young people are blessed with talents passed down through countless generations to today.

AVEC's scholarship program exists to nurture these talents and to allow our youth to develop their capabilities. Your board of directors realize not everyone goes to college or voc/tech school straight out of high school. Many choose to enjoy their newfound post-graduation freedom for a few years—working in the community or helping with parents and grandparents.

When an educational or training opportunity presents itself, AVEC will be available as a potential source of funding assistance. Give us a call then, or go to our Web site, where you will find information about our scholarship program. We are still working out the details of how the application process will be handled, but there will be money available on a year-round basis to help our members and their children further their education and improve their skills.

And if you happen to run into Mae Mute or Vincent Gregory, tell them how much you enjoyed their stories today!

Until next time,



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