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Four local students win scholarships from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

Firelands Electric Cooperative is pleased to announce that four local students have been selected as winners in the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Children of Employees and Trustees scholarship competition.

Funding for this scholarship program comes from Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC) and the Ohio Line Supervisors Association (OLSA). Children of employees and trustees from OEC's affiliates, including Firelands Electric, are eligible to participate in the annual contest. This year, a total of \$44,600 was awarded to 21 high school seniors across the state. Applicants were evaluated on academic achievement, leadership, and community involvement.

Izzy Lucha, a senior at South Central High School, is the daughter of Tom and Sarah Lucha. Izzy was selected as the recipient of a \$3,400 scholarship in the recent OEC competition. Her father, Tom, represents the members of District 3 on Firelands Electric's Board of Trustees. Izzy will attend The Ohio State University main campus this fall and plans to major in plant pathology.

The daughter of Josh and Melissa Wilson, New London High School senior Pailee Wilson was chosen as the winner of a \$3,000 scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Mount Union next fall, where she will major in civil engineering and participate on the women's volleyball team. Her mother, Melissa, is the Engineering and Operations Data Coordinator at the cooperative.

New London senior Paiton Shepherd is the daughter of Lead Lineman Robert Shepherd and his wife, Courtney. Paiton has won a \$2,500 OEC scholarship and plans to pursue a degree in nursing at Cleveland State University next year.

Emilee Loescher, daughter of Derek and Stephanie Schmidt and Scott Loescher, is the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship. The New London senior will be attending Lorain County Community College next fall and plans to enroll in the occupational health assistant program. Emilee's mother, Stephanie, serves as Firelands Electric's Consumer Services and AMI Coordinator.

Firelands Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility proudly serving more than 9,300 homes and businesses in rural areas of Ashland, Huron, Lorain, and Richland counties. Firelands is one of 24 electric cooperatives in Ohio that provide reliable power to more than 380,000 homes and businesses in 77 counties and pride themselves on investing in the future of their local communities. To learn more about Firelands' youth programs, visit www.firelandsec.com/community.

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Izzy Lucha



Pailee Willson



Paiton Shepherd



Emilee Loescher

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