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VAN METER OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR 2027 SPARK YOUR SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Up to 20 scholarships available for students pursuing careers in the electrical industry

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (October 13, 2026) – Van Meter is investing in the future of the electrical industry through its 2027 Spark Your Success Scholarship Program. Van Meter will award up to 20 \$1,000 scholarships to individuals pursuing education and training that support the rapidly growing electrical trade industry.

The scholarship program is open to individuals who have earned a high school diploma or GED and are continuing their education through apprenticeship programs or associate and undergraduate degree programs related to the electrical industry.

“Supporting education in the electrical industry is our responsibility,” said Karmen Wilhelm, Chief Marketing Officer at Van Meter. “Our Spark Your Success Scholarship helps remove barriers for students pursuing meaningful careers in the skilled trades and related technical fields. By investing in the next generation, we’re helping build the workforce that will power our communities for decades to come.”

The need for qualified professionals across the electrical industry has never been greater, as electrification accelerates through advancements in grid modernization, renewable energy, electric vehicles, automation and digital infrastructure.

“The electrical industry offers diverse career paths, competitive wages and the opportunity to make a real impact,” Wilhelm added. “Whether someone’s goal is to become an electrician, engineer, supply chain professional, IT specialist, construction manager or renewable energy technician, there is tremendous opportunity to build a rewarding career while helping shape the future.”

Van Meter’s commitment to education and workforce development is a natural extension of its employee-owned culture and long-standing dedication to strengthening the communities it serves. The company seeks applicants who

demonstrate a strong work ethic, commitment to learning and desire to make a positive impact in their communities.

Eligible fields of study include, but are not limited to, electrical apprenticeship programs, engineering, construction management, supply chain management, information technology, electrical distribution, renewable and solar energy technologies and other electrical industry-related programs.

Applications are open through January 30, 2027. To apply, candidates must complete an online application and submit a letter of recommendation at www.vanmeterinc.com/scholarship.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2027.

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Headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Van Meter is a 100% employee-owned electrical and automation distributor dedicated to creating lasting value for those it serves. The company provides innovative products, services and solutions that help customers power, automate, connect and build critical infrastructure across a wide range of industries. Van Meter is recognized for its employee-owner culture, customer focus and commitment to innovation. To learn more, visit www.vanmeterinc.com.