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One of 32 scholarship winners chosen from 137 applicants, Gene has a 4.0 grade point average and is the son of Roger Walker who is an employee of Alcoa Electric Department.

TVA and distributors of TVA power created the scholarship program in 1995 for the children of distributor's employees to encourage students to excel and to recognize the strength of the partnerships between TVA and distributors of TVA power.

The program has provided over \$1 million in scholarships to 267 graduating high school seniors over the past ten years. Scholarship recipients are selected by a panel of college professors from across the Tennessee Valley.

TVA is the nation's largest public power provider and is completely self-financing. TVA provides power to large industries and 159 power distributors that serve approximately 8.8 million consumers in seven southeastern states. TVA also manages the Tennessee River and its tributaries to provide multiple benefits, including flood damage reduction, navigation, water quality and recreation.

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