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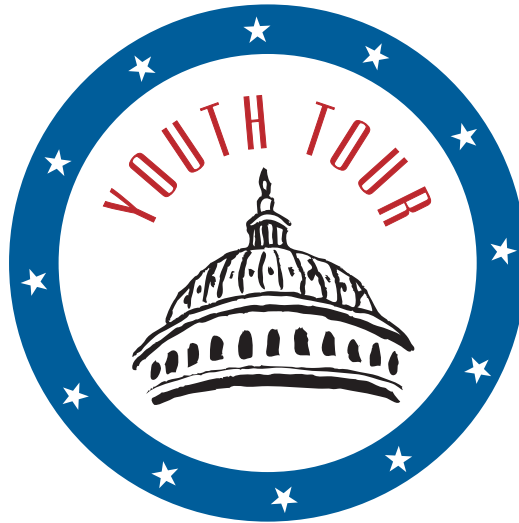
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## Youth to Washington Candidates sought to represent EnerStar

For over 50 years, the electric and telephone cooperatives of Illinois have given tomorrow's leaders the opportunity to learn from today's public officials. And EnerStar is on the hunt to for two outstanding students to represent our cooperative at the Youth Tour this year.

EnerStar's Youth Tour is actually two separate events: the Youth Day in Springfield on April 13, 2016 and the week-long, all-expense paid Youth to Washington trip on June 10 to 17, 2016.

The "Youth to Washington" tour was inspired by Lyndon B. Johnson in 1957. The program actually began in 1964 with 400 students from 12 states participating in the first event. Today more



than 1,500 students from across the country attend the Youth to Washington tour.

During the week in the nation's Capitol, the Illinois contingent meets with Illinois senators and the

downstate Illinois congressional delegation at a Capitol Hill luncheon. Visits with elected officials provide participants a better understanding of federal government and the democratic process.

And of course, the students have the opportunity to visit many historic sites during the week. In the past, sites have included Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, the Washington National Cathedral, several Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the World War II Memorial, and memorials to Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington and Roosevelt just to name a few.

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Candidates should be entering their high school sophomore or junior year in the fall of 2016. In addition, candidates must reside in the EnerStar service territory and receive their electricity from EnerStar.

Applications can be completed online at <http://www.enerstar.com/content/youth-tour> by March 1, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact EnerStar's Angela Griffin at 800-635-4145, extension 103 or via email at [agriffin@enerstar.com](mailto:agriffin@enerstar.com).



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# Time matters.

## Register for Power Shift by May 15 and earn up to \$117.

The time of day that you use power changes how much that power costs your electric cooperative. It's like going to a movie: Evening shows cost more because that's when more people want to see movies. Use power when everyone else is, like when the afternoon is hottest, and that power costs more for everyone.

Power Shift helps everyone save by shifting energy usage to off-peak times.

Have us install a switch on your air conditioner, electric water heater, or pool pump. The switch may be activated to turn off your appliance when demand is up—typically in the afternoons, and for

no longer than 15 minutes an hour on your air conditioner. We won't activate the switch on weekends or holidays, and most people don't even notice the difference.

**PowerShift credits on October electric statements**

Electric Water Heaters.. \$27  
 Central Air Conditioners \$45  
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You'll stay cool (and keep your water hot) while you save energy and help out your community. That's time well spent.

To sign up for PowerShift or for more information, contact EnerStar Electric Cooperative at 800-635-4145.



## Voting Qualifications: Who Can Vote

Because there are certain rules regarding voting procedures for the Annual Meeting of Members, it is important to remind members of their voting rights and responsibilities. The following points explain who can and cannot vote in the annual director election. By knowing these points, you can be assured your vote counts at the meeting.

- If only one person signed the original membership application, then only that person is allowed to vote. This is known as a Single Membership. With this membership, only one name is printed on the billing statement.
- If a husband and wife both signed the membership application, then one of them may cast one vote for that membership. This is known as a Joint Membership. Both names are printed on the billing statement. Sometimes, a membership was taken out before the member was married. In that case, the

new spouse may not vote for the membership. A single membership can easily be converted to a Joint Membership. If you would like to make this change, contact the EnerStar office prior to February 5, 2016, for details.

- If you pay your landlord for the electrical usage at a location and the landlord's name is on the bill, you are not able to vote for that location. The membership belongs to the landlord, who would vote the membership.
- If you have power of attorney for a member, you may vote that membership as long as the form is on file at the cooperative office.

If you have any further questions regarding your membership status, please contact the EnerStar office at 800-635-4145 during normal business hours. We will be more than happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding your account.

Remember, members can vote by mail, but ballots must be received in our office no later than Friday, March 11, 2016! Otherwise, **bring your voting ballot with you to the Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, March 12, 2016.**

**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Saturday March 12, 2016** ✓

**Crestwood School • 15601 US Hwy 150 I • Paris, Illinois**

*Member Breakfast 7:30-9:00 a.m. • Member Registration 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
 Meeting Begins 9:30 a.m.*



# Board Elections-Know How to Vote

The cooperative's annual meeting is an excellent opportunity to take part in the business of your member-owned cooperative. It is the democratic control that affords you, the member, the privilege of attending the annual meeting and participating in the director elections. A director is a member just like you. He or she represents your district and is your voice in the cooperative.

The EnerStar service territory is divided into nine Representative Districts. Representative districts are then assigned to one of three Voting Districts. Although the Representative Districts range in size, they contain approximately equal numbers of members.

Via first-class mail in mid-February members will receive an envelope containing all necessary voting documentation for the EnerStar board elections. The following items will be included: Official Notice, Voting Ballot, Ballot Envelope and a Return Envelope.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE** – This is the official announcement of the meeting as required by our bylaws. The notice includes the meeting date, time, and location. It also contains election information and voting instructions. Members should carefully read these instructions to ensure their ballot is completed correctly. The notice will also include a brief candidate biography. The candidates are solely responsible for the content provided in the biography.

**VOTING BALLOT** – To properly complete a ballot, members should mark an "X" in the box. **The two lines of the "X" must cross inside the box.** Members must not color in the box or use a check mark when voting. The Election Inspectors are required to void any ballot incorrectly completed. You will put your completed ballot inside the Ballot Envelope and seal it.

**BALLOT ENVELOPE** – This envelope is smaller than the return envelope with the words "Ballot Envelope" clearly stated on the front. Completed ballots should be sealed inside this envelope. The ballot envelope should be placed in the return envelope and sealed.

**RETURN ENVELOPE** – The return

**SIGN THIS BALLOT!**

**INSERT THE SECRET BALLOT ENVELOPE INTO THIS RETURN ENVELOPE**

Return envelopes with ballots enclosed can be mailed or hand-delivered to the EnerStar office and must be received by Friday, March 11, 2016.

Return envelopes may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at Crestwood School, 15601 US Hwy 150, Paris, Illinois.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that as a member of EnerStar Electric Cooperative I have personally voted the enclosed ballot for the 2016 Director Election.

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Void if not signed by member, or at least one member if a shared membership is held.)

**Your voting preference will remain anonymous.  
DO NOT INCLUDE PAYMENTS OR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE IN THIS ENVELOPE.**

**Do not forget to sign the back of the return envelope where indicated.**

envelope is the larger of the two envelopes. For the convenience of our members, the return envelope will be stamped and self-addressed to the attention of the Election Inspectors. **Members are required to sign the back of the return envelope where indicated.** This certification verifies that the member personally voted the enclosed ballot. If the account is a joint membership, only one member is required to certify the ballot.

Members may return their ballots one of two ways. Return envelopes with ballots enclosed can be mailed or

hand-delivered to the EnerStar office by Friday, March 11, 2016. Ballots received in the office after that date will be null and void. Return envelopes with ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Election Inspectors, chosen by the cooperative legal counsel, open the ballot envelopes and count the ballots at the Annual Meeting. Members' voting preferences always remain anonymous. Election results will be announced at the close of the meeting after all business properly brought before the meeting has concluded.

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<p><b>Voting District A - Representative District 3</b>  <b>Currently served by Dale English, Paris</b></p> <p><i>The Townships of Buck, Paris, Hunter, and Stratton in Edgar County, Illinois</i></p> <p><b>3 year term</b></p>	<p><b>Voting District B - Representative District 6</b>  <b>Currently served by David Sprigg, Marshall</b></p> <p><i>The Townships of Westfield and Douglas in Clark County, Illinois; all that portion of the Township of Dolson lying north of the 2000th Road in Clark County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Wabash lying north of Interstate Highway 70 in Clark County, Illinois</i></p> <p><b>3 year term</b></p>	<p><b>Voting District B - Representative District 5</b>  <b>Currently served by Robert Staley II</b></p> <p><i>The Township of Elbridge in Edgar County, Illinois; all that portion of the Township of Symmes lying north of the 400th Road and west of Illinois Highway 1 in Edgar County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Symmes lying north of the 300th Road and east of Illinois Highway 1 in Edgar County, Illinois</i></p> <p><b>1 year term</b></p>	<p><b>Voting District C - Representative District 8</b>  <b>Currently served by Tom Jones, Marshall</b></p> <p><i>All that portion of the Township of Wabash lying south of Interstate Highway 70 in Clark County, Illinois</i></p> <p><b>3 year term</b></p>