


Norris Electric *News*

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Ten 2015 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Norris Electric Cooperative Manager Keith McKinney has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives in 2015 will award nine academic scholarships to high school seniors through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” In addition, a tenth scholarship – to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school – will also be offered.

The total of ten scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded in 2015 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the cooperative. A sixth scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the son or daughter of an Illinois electric cooperative director or/ employee. Three additional scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees or directors.



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The tenth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1,500 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker’s school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, endowed the

new scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers. Sons and daughters of co-op members; relatives of co-op employees or directors; and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for the lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says McKinney. “Norris Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth through programs like this one. In addition, we are very pleased to offer the electric lineworker’s scholarship. It will benefit not only electric cooperative youth but also those fine men and women who have served their country through their military service and may now be wanting to become a trained lineworker.”

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Norris Electric at 877-783-8765. All necessary paperwork has also been sent to area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website at www.norriselectric.com.

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Office hours: Monday — Thursday 7:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m



Why I'm thankful for my co-op

At my family's Thanksgiving dinner each year, we all take turns saying something we're grateful for. My list is usually about the same—good health, wonderful family and friends, and a job serving the great people of the Norris Electric service area.

I'm thankful to be a part of Norris Electric Cooperative. Our employees are some of the hardest workers I know. Our mission is to provide affordable, reliable, safe electric power, but we also aim to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. It's a mission we all take seriously.

I'm thankful for Norris Electric because it allows employees to live alongside those we serve. The beauty of a cooperative is that it's locally owned and operated; there are no distant shareholders pulling the strings behind the scenes. Members elect members to serve on the board of directors and govern the co-op. We are your neighbors, your friends, your family.

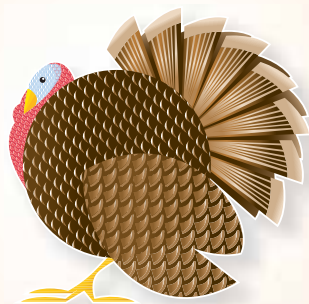
I'm thankful for my co-op because it serves as a vibrant force in the local economy—partly because we are local. That means Norris Electric is invested in the future of its communities.

I'm thankful for my co-op because we care. From giving scholarships to young people and coordinating an annual food drive to reaching out to members with information that will help them save energy and money, we care about the people and the towns we serve.

Finally, I'm thankful for you, our members and faithful readers, because without you, there'd be no Norris Electric Cooperative.

Happy Thanksgiving!

from all of us here at your electric co-op.



**Norris Electric will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27th
for Thanksgiving Day.**



Budget billing accounts recalculated in November

Members who have chosen budget billing for their electric accounts will have their budget amounts recalculated in November. The new budget amount is based on an average of the previous 12 months' actual charges. The November recalculation could result in a higher or lower monthly budget amount than what you pay now due to increases or decreases in your usage over the prior year. If a change results from the recalculation, a message will be printed at the bottom of your November bill indicating this new amount. If you do not see a message on your bill, your budget amount has remained the same. Your first new budget bill amount will be on your December bill.

Budget billing can help you manage your energy costs by allowing you to allocate the same amount each month. Monthly utility bills can vary significantly throughout the year due to variations in your usage through heating and cooling seasons. With Norris Electric's budget billing plan you eliminate the month-to-month fluctuations caused by changing weather and usage patterns. It is imperative that members on budget billing still watch their monthly usage and outstanding balances to ensure a large increase does not occur during a recalculation month.

If you have any questions regarding budget billing contact the Norris Electric billing department at 877-783-8765.

Residential electric heat rate available

Did you know Norris offers an electric heat rate? The rate is available to residential members of the cooperative for uses where electricity is the sole source of all space heating energy. The heat source must be for the whole house and permanently installed. Types of electric heat which qualify include geothermal heat pumps, air source heat pumps and electric furnaces.

The only obligation is the member must continue the electric heat rate for 12 month increments.

The electric heat rate offers a lower rate in the winter months that more than offsets the slightly higher summer rate when compared to our standard rate.

Call our office today at 877-783-8765 for a rate comparison and see if you can start saving money on your electric bill!



Norris Electric will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11th in honor of Veterans Day.

High speed internet available here!

Norris Electric provides Exede broadband service that brings together the highest capacity satellite in the world, state-of-the-art equipment and breakthrough web acceleration technology. Call our office for more information and/or to sign up. 877-783-8765

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Board of Director election update

There are four board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each of the following counties: Crawford, Effingham, Jasper and Lawrence. Shown below are the counties and the incumbents from those counties that are slated for election this year.

County	Incumbent
Crawford	Larry Buser (Retiring)
Effingham	Gilbert Garbe
Jasper	Gordon McClure
Lawrence	Dan Scherer

All of the incumbents except Larry Buser of Crawford County intend to seek re-election. They must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Any other members that reside and take service in any of the counties above may also submit a petition and be placed on the ballot.

Petitions are available now. Members wishing to obtain petitions may call the office and one will be mailed or members may stop at the office and obtain a petition in person. Completed petitions must be in the cooperative headquarters by noon on December 17, 2014.

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballots. Ballots may be voted by return mail or by internet as instructed on the ballots. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting to be held on February 14, 2015.



Energy Efficiency *Tip of the Month*

Your kitchen can yield big energy savings. Check the refrigerator door seal for a tight fit. Run only full dishwasher loads, and use the microwave rather than oven to reheat food and make small meals. Finally, unplug small appliances when not in use—many draw power even when turned off.

Source: Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives

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Change your clocks
November 2nd.



Did you know...

...you can receive your bill through your email? This eliminates lost bills and late payments. Call the office to make sure we have your current email on file.

Find out how your local electric cooperative can help you lead by example at TogetherWeSave.com.



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