

Norris Electric *News*

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Ten 2016 IEC Memorial Scholarships Available

Norris Electric Cooperative Manager Keith McKinney has announced that the Illinois electric cooperatives in 2016 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 \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2016 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.

The tenth annual scholarship, the “LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker’s Scholarship,” was awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$2,000 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.

Norris Electric will be closed for the following Holidays

Christmas Eve
– Dec. 24

Christmas Day
– Dec. 25

New Year’s Eve
– Dec. 31

New Year’s Day
– Jan. 1



Outage Information Center:

We work hard year-round to deliver reliable service, but when big storms strike and damage equipment, outages can result. When they do, our entire focus is to safely and quickly restore your service. There are three ways our members can report their outage:

1. **Call 877-783-3221**
2. **Text your outage.** (If you prefer to text rather than call your outage in, members will need to have their cell phone number on file at Norris Electric. Then they will need to complete a short registration process on our website, www.norriselectric.com. Once that is complete, Members will be able to text their outage in. You will also receive a text when your electric is restored!!)
3. **Use our App.** If members have a smart phone, you can download our app and report your outage.

View Outages

Members are able to view Norris Electric's outage map by logging on to our website at www.norriselectric.com. By viewing the map it will give members an idea of where the outages are and how many members are affected.

Outage Updates

Facebook/Twitter – Be sure to like us on Facebook and Twitter to receive current outage information and updates.

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, Clark, Jasper and Cumberland. Shown below are the counties and the incumbents from those counties that are slated for election this year.

County	Incumbent
Crawford	Frank Draper (Retiring)
Clark	Justin Parcel
Jasper	Dave Sheppard
Cumberland	Joseph Helmink

All of the incumbents except Frank Draper of Crawford County intend to seek re-election. All candidates 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 emailed to the member. Members may also stop at the office and obtain a petition in person. Completed petitions must be in the cooperative headquarters **by noon on December 16, 2015.**

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 13, 2016.



You cannot control Mother Nature and now would be a good time for you to purchase a standby generator. Norris Electric offers the Briggs & Stratton Home Generator System line of standby generators. Briggs & Stratton is one of the leading and most well known names in small engines.

These units are available with transfer switches that automatically start the unit and transfer to standby power in the event of a power outage. When electric service is restored, the transfer switch switches back to utility power and shuts the generator down. Many homes and small business's have pumps, fans, computers and other equipment that require them to have a continuous supply of electric power. With a Briggs & Stratton Home Generator System,

you never have to worry about another power outage. With the automatic transfer features, you know your processes and equipment are always operating, even when you are gone.

The Briggs & Stratton product line was chosen for its long history in the small engine business and its commitment to a quality line of products at reasonable prices.

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Members can now download the “Norris App” to have your account information at your fingertips.

It is easy. Go to your app store and search for “Norris Electric.” Install.

Our Mobile App is designed to give you fast, secure account access so you can easily manage your account details, view your bill and your account balance, make payments and find payment locations, schedule alerts and reminders, receive push notifications and more. Nearly everything you can do from our web portal can now be handled instantly whether you're at home, at work, or on the go.



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