

## TEN 2018 IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



The co-op has announced that in 2018, Illinois electric cooperatives 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.

A total of ten scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded in 2018 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

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Five scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving electric 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 employee or director. 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,” is a \$2,000 scholarship that 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, IL. 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 to apply for the lineworker’s scholarship.

“We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships,” says Bruce Giffin. “Illinois 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 Ashley Graham at (217) 243-8705. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is also available for download at the cooperative’s website at *e-o -op.o m*.



Kortni Kemper, daughter of co-op Foreman Brad Kemper, winner of the 2016 Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship.





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# Guaranteed Rural Housing Loans

USDA Rural Development is currently offering zero down payment option loans for single family housing in eligible rural areas. Possible applicants are typically first-time home buyers or low to moderate income borrowers.

Benefits to these loans include flexible credit, refinancing options, and a guaranteed underwriting system, which is a free online tool that allows lenders to make recommendations for loans in a short turn-around period.

Borrowers may apply through an approved lender and real estate agent of their choice. However, it's important to note that should the property fall within an eligible area, home buyers' income must not exceed the adjusted income limit in the area.

For more information on this and other Rural Development programs, visit [rd.usda.gov](http://rd.usda.gov) or check with your local lender.



# *Christmas at the Pike County Lodges*

**Tuesday, Dec. 5th & Saturday, Dec. 9th**

Five Pike County lodges will be decorated for the Christmas season and open to the public on Tuesday, December 5th and Saturday, December 9th. Christmas at the Pike County Lodges presented by Access Illinois Outdoor showcases Harpole's Heartland Lodge, Sunset View Lodge, William Watson Hotel, Sprague's Kinderhook Lodge, and Buck Chasers Lodge.

The tour includes a brunch, lunch, wine tasting, dessert and appetizers. Each lodge features a different floral designer who will have their creations for sale that day. A diverse selection of talented musicians will be performing a variety of seasonal music at each lodge. For more information or to make reservations, call Access Illinois Outdoors at (217) 285-2464.

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