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Twelve scholarships worth \$2,000 each!

Thomas H. Moore

IEC Memorial Scholarship Program

Twelve scholarships will be awarded for the 2020-2021 school year.

6 Scholarships are available for the sons/daughters of Illinois cooperative members for any two or four year accredited college in the United States.

1 Scholarship is reserved for the son/daughter of an Illinois cooperative employee or director for any school in the United States.

4 Scholarships are available for the sons/daughters of Illinois cooperative members, employees, or directors for any Illinois community college.

1 Scholarship is reserved to help pay for costs to attend lineworker's school conducted by AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois. This Scholarship is for the son or daughter of an Illinois Cooperative member, employee, or director; an individual who has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard; or an individual enrolled in the Lincoln land line-worker's school.



The deadline for general scholarships is **December 31, 2019**

The deadline for the lineman's scholarships is **April 30, 2020**

Find an application at: www.enerstar.com



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

11597 Illinois Highway 1
Paris, IL 61944
800-635-4145
Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Office closings

December 23

Office closing at 1 p.m.

December 24 & 25

December 31 & January 1

Petitions available for March board elections

EnerStar's 81st Annual Meeting is just around the corner, and cooperative members have the opportunity to run in the upcoming board of directors election. Members who are eligible candidates and can commit the time and energy to the member-owned corporation may want to consider this opportunity.

The role of director is a huge commitment – of time, energy and education – more than most members realize. Thankfully, there are members who are willing to serve in this important capacity. Decisions made can affect the membership into the next generation.

For the 2020 election, EnerStar has three director seats, which are three year terms in Districts 1, 5 and 9.

Members interested in running for the board should contact the cooperative office to verify eligibility and receive a petition packet. The packet includes all the necessary information one would need to learn more about the cooperative and the role of the director.

Board petitions require the signatures of 15 EnerStar members who live in the candidate's Voting District. All members signing petitions must have an original membership card on file and must be currently receiving electricity from the cooperative. Candidates will also need to check with cooperative personnel to make certain they reside within the correct Representative District.

Petition packets can be picked up at the EnerStar headquarters in Paris beginning Dec. 13, 2019. They may also be obtained via mail or email by calling the cooperative office at 800-635-4145 during normal business hours.

Completed petitions may be turned in to the cooperative office from Jan. 13, 2020 to Jan. 28, 2020.

3 Voting Districts

A	B	C
1	4	7
2	5	8
3	6	9

Voting Districts A, B, and C each contain three Representative Districts in shades of red, green, and blue, respectively.

Representative Board District Descriptions

✓ Voting District A
District 1- Jeff Zimmerman, Oakland
 The Townships of Newman, Bowdre, and Sargent in Douglas County, Illinois; the Townships of East Oakland and Ashmore in Coles County, Illinois; the Township of Embarrass in Edgar County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Shiloh lying south of the 1800th Road in Edgar County, Illinois

✓ Voting District B
District 5- Bob Staley, Paris
 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

✓ Voting District C
District 9- Dan Gard, Jr., West Union
 The Townships of Anderson, Darwin, Melrose, and York in Clark County, Illinois; and all that portion of the Township of Marshall lying south of Interstate Highway 70 in Clark County, Illinois

3 year terms

Candidates should also provide a short biographical sketch, 250 words or less, and a digital photo to be published with the Annual Meeting Notice. Candidates should

also make plans to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, March 28, in the Crestwood School gym in Paris.

EnerStar, Co-Bank grants help local food pantries, ambulance service

For the eighth year, EnerStar Electric Cooperative has been awarded the CoBank Sharing Success matching grant. The grant's purpose is to help cooperatives support causes and organizations important to the communities they serve. This year, the Compassionate Food Pantry of Edgar County, the Northern Edgar County Ambulance Service and the Chrisman Food Pantry each received \$5,000.

CoBank, a non-profit, cooperatively owned bank, assists rural America with financial services to agribusiness and rural electricity, water and communication providers in all 50 states. CoBank matches contributions by its cooperative members to the charitable organizations of their choice on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$5,000. The charitable organizations must be established as a non-profit under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service code. Other potentially eligible organizations include schools, churches and government organizations, as long as the donation serves a public purpose and is consistent with the program's purpose and guidelines.

Cooperatives are guided by seven cooperative principles, which include "Cooperation among Cooperatives" and "Concern for Community."



Gladys Frost of the Compassionate Food Pantry of Edgar County accepts a \$5,000 check from the EnerStar board of directors to assist with operations and food purchases



Accepting a \$5,000 check from the EnerStar board of directors for the Chrisman Food Pantry is Joe and Pat Hollingsworth

Past Sharing Success Grant Recipients

- 2018** Edgar County Sheriff Dept. and Clark County Sheriff Dept.
- 2017** Clark County Park District and Oakland Food Pantry
- 2016** Twin Lakes All-Ability Playground, Paris
- 2015** Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark County
- 2014** University of Illinois Extension Service in Edgar and Clark County
- 2013** Marshall Food Distribution Center and Martinsville Food Pantry
- 2012** Paris High School Construction Project



The Northern Edgar County Ambulance Service received a Sharing Success grant. Pictured left to right: Mike Taylor, EnerStar board member Kevin Julian, Jeremy Neal, Daren Craig and Vic Wheeler



Youth to Washington

Apply today to represent EnerStar in D.C.

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

EnerStar's Youth Tour is actually two separate events: Youth Day in Springfield held in March 2020, and the week-long, all-expense paid Youth to Washington trip on June 19 - 26, 2020.

Candidates should be high school sophomores, juniors or seniors in the fall of 2020. In addition, candidates must reside in the EnerStar service territory and receive their electricity from EnerStar.

Visit www.enerstar.com to find the application in the Community Section. Applications are due Jan. 31, 2020. If you have any



questions, please contact EnerStar's Angela Griffin at 800-635-4145, extension 103 or via email at agriffin@enerstar.com.

Jerad Lawson of Paris and Dylan Herrington of Dennison attended the 2019 Youth to Washington trip and encourage students to apply for next year's event.



Deck the Halls SAFELY

- Use only lights, cords, animated displays, and decorations **rated for outdoor use**.
- When decorating outside, **look up and around** for power lines. **Never throw lights** or other decorations into trees near power lines.
- Keep ladders, equipment, and yourself **at least ten feet away** from power lines.
- Cords should be plugged into outlets equipped with **Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs)**.

For more holiday safety tips visit:

