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## EnerStar offers on-site EV charging

As things begin to open back up in Illinois after the COVID public emergency, you may have family and friends visiting from out of town. If they drive an electric vehicle (EV), a public charging station is now available in Paris at the EnerStar office.

“EVs are becoming more popular and widely available, with many manufacturers offering at least one model,” said EnerStar’s Angela Griffin. “EVs provide environmental advantages and lower operating costs that balance out the initial investment.”

“EnerStar wants to help change the future of transportation by providing a charger in our service territory where

our members and the public can readily access it,” Griffin continued. “Offering convenient access to charging will help members transition to EVs.” The co-op is considering other locations but COVID has slowed the process down.

Installing chargers on major highways helps alleviate range anxiety. The distance between destinations in rural areas is a common reason why some co-op members hesitate to own an EV. “EnerStar wants to help ensure EV technology is not limited to more densely populated metropolitan areas,” said Griffin.

*So, pull up and plug in!*



# EnerStar Electric Cooperative student selected as Illinois Youth Leadership Council representative

For more than 50 years, teens from rural America have been going to Washington, D.C. on the “trip of a lifetime,” courtesy of their local sponsoring electric cooperative, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Over the years, these delegates have toured some of the finest museums in the world and visited America’s most historic monuments. They have met with their elected officials, explored Capitol Hill and learned about the impact electric cooperatives have on their communities. Each year, roughly 2,000 delegates and staff make an impact on D.C.

During Youth Tour, delegates have the chance to be selected to represent their home state on the NRECA Youth Leadership Council (YLC). Members of the YLC play an



*Jerad Lawson of Paris, Ill. has been selected as the national 2020-2021 Illinois Youth Leadership Council Representative.*

important role during NRECA’s Annual Meeting the following spring. Not only are the YLC members recognized on stage, they have hands-on experience with virtually every facet of the meeting including the resolutions process and helping members communicate with their legislators. Youth Leadership Council

members leave more poised, confident and a better developed leader with a strong determination to improve their community and make their country a better place. Further, they leave having built life-long friendships with other student leaders from across the country.

Due to the cancellation of Youth Tour 2020, the YLC has been selected from delegates who went on the 2019 Youth to Washington Tour. The AIEC chose Jerad Lawson of Paris, to represent Illinois as the 2020-2021

YLC. His trip was sponsored by EnerStar Electric Cooperative. Jerad will travel to Washington, D.C. in November for a leadership conference, focusing on the electric cooperative industry. During this conference, the YLC National Spokesperson will be selected to address the membership at the NRECA Annual Meeting and to address the Youth Tour delegates the following year.

Jerad is a 2020 graduate of Lawson Christian Academy and will begin his college career at Ivy Tech Community College in the fall, exploring potential career paths.

“While saddened at the cancellation of the 2020 Youth to Washington Tour, we are looking forward to next year,” said EnerStar’s Angela Griffin. “The Youth Tour teaches the youth of our rural communities about the electric cooperative form of business, impact on their local communities, and the seven Cooperative Principles.” Griffin added that applications for next year’s tour will be available in October.



## Wabash Valley POWER ALLIANCE

### donates to local food pantry

Like EnerStar, our wholesale power provider, Wabash Valley Power Alliance in Indianapolis, is a not-for-profit electric cooperative. We both are guided by our founding principles which includes a commitment to community. Wabash partnered with CoBank recently to support several food banks in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. The Central Illinois Foodbank was one of those recipients and the funds were designated to the Oakland Food Pantry in Oakland, Ill. Thanks, Wabash!

## Marshall HS student earns electric cooperative scholarship

As an Illinois electric cooperative, Enerstar Electric Cooperative participates along with 23 other Illinois electric



Olivia Seaman  
Marshall High School

cooperatives in the Thomas H. Moore IEC Memorial Scholarship Fund to assist deserving students in the “electric cooperative family.” Besides benefiting cooperative students, this scholarship fund provides a means for honoring deceased cooperative family through memorial gifts.

EnerStar is pleased to announce that Marshall High School student Olivia Seaman has been selected as one of 12 winners in the Illinois Electric Cooperative’s Memorial Scholarships. This one-time award for high school students attending a 4-year community college has a value of \$2,000. Olivia will attend Millikan University in the fall.

Candidates were judged on grade-point average, college entrance exam scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and an essay demonstrating their knowledge of electric cooperatives. It was a rigorous and thorough vetting process, and the winners are well-deserving.

EnerStar’s Angela Griffin stated that scholarship applications for next year’s award will be available in November. Application deadline is Dec. 31, 2020.

Olivia and her family can be very proud of her efforts, as is Enerstar, in winning this scholarship. Congratulations!

Feeling  
**Lucky!**



## EnerStar Electric Cooperative Luck of Draw Scholarship

EnerStar Electric Cooperative is offering five lucky winners a \$250 scholarship to be used toward their continuing education! The scholarship is open to college students who are co-op members or are dependents of EnerStar members.

It’s easy to qualify for the scholarship.

- Visit [www.enerstar.com](http://www.enerstar.com) to download the scholarship application and answer a few questions about the co-op. (Don’t worry, all the answers are there!)
- Mail (or hand deliver) the completed application to: EnerStar Electric Cooperative, Attn Scholarship, 11597 IL Highway 1, Paris, IL 61944
- **Submission deadline is September 1, 2020.**

Scholarships will be awarded to students attending an accredited institute of higher education. This includes a 4-year college or university, vocational-technical trade school (offering associates degree), community college or junior

college and business college (offering associate degree). The scholarship must be used for educational costs, and the student must enter the accredited institute in the fall of the school year for which the scholarship is given.

It is important to note, dependents of co-op members must reside in the home where EnerStar provides the electricity.

Scholarship winners are responsible to provide EnerStar with a copy of their class registration for the first quarter/semester. Once correct documentation has been received and paperwork has been verified, checks will be made payable to the school and sent to the home address on record with EnerStar.





# Who Owns What?

## Electric Co-op Owned Equipment vs Member-Owned Equipment

This graphic depicts equipment owned by the co-op (in gold) and the member (in blue). If a storm damages any equipment owned by the co-op, we are responsible for repairs. If a storm damages any member-owned equipment, the member is responsible for repairs. Members should hire a licensed electrician when making any repairs to member-owned equipment.

