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CLASSROOM GRANTS

OPEN FOR APPLICATION

Egyptian Electric Cooperative is again offering Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grants for local schools located within our cooperative's territorial footprint. Commitment to Community is one of our Touchstone Energy core principles, and we are committed to the communities we serve and want to continue to provide assistance to them. **56-02-0043**

Ten \$500 Classroom Empowerment Grants will be offered and awarded to public and private K-12 schools to help with projects that will improve educational opportunities for students. Prior applicants and recipients are

eligible to apply. Please note that the school or district does not have to receive electric service from Egyptian Electric Cooperative to qualify. The evaluation of the applications will be based on the projects that best serve the purpose of improving the learning environment and/or increasing educational resources for the school.

The grant awards will be announced on or before Friday, December 11, 2020. For questions regarding the Classroom Empowerment Grants, please contact Brooke Guthman at 800-606-1505 or bguthman@eeca.coop. It's that simple and straightforward, so please don't miss this opportunity!

HOW DO TEACHERS OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS APPLY?

- 1** Review the official rules and complete the Grant Application Form found on page 13 of this magazine, also found on our website, www.eeca.coop.
- 2** Attach a typewritten request under three pages with the following information:
 - A description of the project and what it will accomplish
 - The estimated cost of the project
 - An explanation of why funds or additional funds are necessary
 - Whether other funding options have been pursued and if so, status of those requests
- 3** Have the completed Grant Application Form, written request and any other supporting documentation received by our office by 4 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2020.
 - Timeline of project; estimated start and completion
 - Number of students to be impacted
 - If the project's goals are measurable, how would success be measured
 - How does the project tie to our Touchstone Energy core values of: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community



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Office and workforce status

In continuing efforts to minimize health risks for consumer-members and employees, Egyptian Electric Cooperative will continue to close the front office lobby for walk-in service. As local COVID-19 cases and exposures continue to rise, we will continue to rotate, reduce and stagger our work staff. **49-11-1004**

The cooperative drive-thru is anticipated to remain open, although most services can be handled remotely. Members are highly encouraged to

conduct co-op business through our website, mobile app or over the phone. Our member services department is available daily and can be reached by email at info@eeca.coop or by calling 800-606-1505. Members may pay-by-phone 24/7 at 844-759-3977, visit a kiosk location, MoneyGram Express Payment location or download the SmartHub mobile app from their device's app store. For all methods of payment visit www.eeca.coop.

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Return to our Office

Drop your payment in our Payment Dropbox or mail to 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966

MEMBER PRIZES

Every month we will have three map location numbers hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your location number that corresponds to the one on your bill, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.

Bill Broom's 30-year anniversary

William Broom of Barrett, Twomey, Broom, Hughes & Hoke, LLP of Carbondale, has represented the Egyptian Electric Cooperative membership as our attorney for 30 years. At the Aug. 25, 2020 board meeting, Broom was acknowledged by the cooperative board of directors, by resolution, for his dedicated and

valued 30 years of service. Broom is not only a long time Carbondale resident, but an Egyptian Electric Cooperative member. Bill, thank you for your investment in our organization, sound and stable legal counsel, and for being an all-around professional, reliable, and humble representative in the board room.



Board officers from left to right: Paul Pyatt, Kevin Liefer, Paul Hicks and Attorney Bill Broom

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



The average household owns 24 electronic products, which account for roughly 12% of home energy use. When shopping for electronics, consider purchasing ENERGY STAR®-certified products, which can be 70% more efficient than conventional models.

Source: www.energystar.gov






Welcome Cheryl Bauersachs

Welcome Cheryl Bauersachs, our new accounting supervisor! Cheryl started her career with EECA on July 31, 2020. She and her husband Ronnie are members of the cooperative and live on their family farm near Campbell Hill. Together, they have two children, Emily and Ryan. Cheryl is a CPA and graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale with her accounting degree. She was previously employed by SIUC for 24 years, most recently the CFO for the SIU athletics department.

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Operation Round Up, where together we make the difference!

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Sign up to round up your bill > money goes into the Egyptian Electric Charitable Fund NFP account > 100% of the funds go back into the community!

Understanding The Seven Cooperative Principles

Cooperatives around the world operate according to the same set of core principles and values, adopted by the International Co-operative Alliance.

These principles are a key reason why America's electric cooperatives operate differently from other electric utilities, putting the needs of our members first.



1 VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Membership in a cooperative is open to all persons who can reasonably use its services and stand willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, regardless of race, religion, gender or economic circumstances. **40-09-0002**



2 DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting policies and making decisions. Elected representatives (directors/trustees) are elected from among the membership and are accountable to the membership. In primary cooperatives, members have equal voting rights (one member, one vote); cooperatives at other levels are organized in a democratic manner.



3 MEMBERS' ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital remains the common property of the cooperative. Members allocate surpluses for any or all of the following purposes: developing the cooperative; setting up reserves; benefiting members in proportion to their transactions with the cooperative; and supporting other activities approved by the membership.



4 AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control as well as their unique identity.



5 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Education and training for members, elected representatives (directors/trustees), CEOs and employees help them effectively contribute to the development of their cooperatives. Communications about the nature and benefits of cooperatives, particularly with the general public and opinion leaders, helps boost cooperative understanding.



6 COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

By working together through local, national, regional, and international structures, cooperatives improve services, bolster local economies and deal more effectively with social and community needs.



7 CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies supported by the membership.

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