



# Egyptian Electric News

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## October is National Co-op Month

Fall is a busy time, and October is a particularly eventful month with school, community activities, festivals and sporting events that are in full swing, but October is also National Co-op Month! Many electric cooperatives across the country celebrate Co-op Month, and when I say we celebrate Co-op Month, we really mean we are celebrating *you!* After all, our cooperative wouldn't exist without our members.

Our core business is to serve you as an electricity provider, but the larger mission of the co-op is to help make our part of the world a better place for those who live here. "Concern for community" is one of seven guiding principles that all co-ops share. **49-01-0020**

Similar to how our wires run through our service territory, our concern for community flows through all of our decisions — how does this best serve our membership? — because being a co-op means being a responsible steward and good neighbor.

Egyptian Electric Cooperative works to help our community thrive through initiatives led by our employees and board members who live right here and invest in our local communities. Because we're local, we understand our community's uniqueness and strive to help best meet the needs.

We're proud to support local youth through the national Youth

to Washington Tour, high school CEO programs, Classroom Grant and Annual Meeting Scholarship programs. With your help, we now offer an Operation Roundup program to collect funds and provide assistance to the organizations and their efforts in our communities that do good

manage energy usage at home. As your trusted energy partner, we know that saving energy and money is important to you. If you haven't already, we encourage you to take a moment and download our app, SmartHub. Through the app, you can conveniently monitor and manage

 Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association  
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Focused on YOU.

Electric cooperatives were created to serve their members. Because we're a co-op, we're able to adapt to our community's unique needs. That's the power of co-op membership.

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work. We partner with American Red Cross for regular blood drives, are a host site for a local Rotary Club, and work to give back to the communities through different facets.

The word "cooperative" means mutually working toward a common goal, as in "cooperation." That's the essence of the cooperative spirit. Our employees and member-elected board members are vested in the communities in which they live and serve.

We want to empower you to

your energy use. Of course we're here to help, so give us a call if you have questions about your energy bills or usage.

Egyptian Electric Cooperative is continuously examining ways to operate more efficiently while continuing to provide the highest level of friendly, reliable service you expect and deserve. After all, we're your local co-op. We were built by the members we serve. Thank you for being a consumer-member!



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- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N Reed Station Pkwy in Carbondale and 1306 N Market in Sparta

## Don't Become Electricity's PATH TO GROUND



When electric utility equipment becomes damaged, the ground and objects can become energized.

If you are in a situation where there could be downed power lines or a damaged pole, guy wire or padmount transformer (green box), know what to do to save your life and the lives of others:

### CAR ACCIDENT

Stay inside your vehicle or cab since the ground or objects could be energized.

Call 9-1-1 and report that there are downed or damaged power lines or a dislodged green box.

Wait for the utility crew to arrive to deenergize the power.

Do not exit until someone from the utility says it is safe to do so.



### ONLY EXIT IF THE VEHICLE IS ON FIRE

Cross your arms over your chest and make a clean jump out.

Do not touch the vehicle and the ground at the same time.

Make solid hops with your feet together as far away as you can.

Do not return to the vehicle.



### IF YOU ARE A BYSTANDER

Do not approach the scene to try and help.

Stay at least 50 feet away and do not lean on or touch anything, including fences or guardrails.



Learn more at:

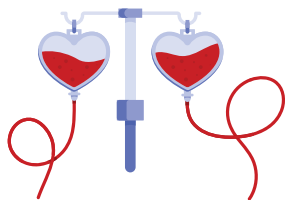
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## 2022 Classroom Empowerment Grant Official Rules

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit the completed Grant Application Form, AND a double-spaced typewritten request (not to exceed three pages) that includes the following:

1. A description of the project, what the project will accomplish, and why it should be selected for funding.
2. The estimated cost of the project based on researched and provided data.
3. An explanation of why funds are necessary for the completion of the project.
4. If other funding options have been pursued, the status of those requests.
5. When the project will be completed.
6. The number of students impacted by the project.
7. How the goals of the project will be measured, and what would determine the project to be a success.
8. How the project ties to our Touchstone Energy core values: integrity, accountability, innovation and Commitment to community.



**Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, October 11th**  
**10am-3pm**  
at Egyptian Electric Cooperative

Photos and supporting data are optional, but strongly encouraged. **45-08-0007** For questions on the program, contact Brooke Guthman at 800-606-1505 or at [bguthman@eeca.coop](mailto:bguthman@eeca.coop).

### WHO MAY APPLY

Teachers, administrators, and/or qualified employees of K-12 public or private schools within the Egyptian Electric Cooperative (EECA) service territory footprint can apply.

### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Qualifying projects are those that improve the learning environment for students and/or increase educational resources for the school.


### SELECTION PROCESS

An impartial judging panel will score the applications based on which projects best demonstrate improving the learning environment and/or increasing educational resources for the school. Decision of the judging panel is final.

### IMPORTANT DATES

All completed applications must be received by the office of EECA, by **Friday, Nov. 4, 2022**. The winners will be notified no later than **Dec. 9, 2022**. Funded projects must be completed by the end of the 2023 spring semester.

*The Classroom Empowerment Grant application can be found on page 6 or [eeca.coop](http://eeca.coop).*



**Capital Credits mailed**

*Just a reminder, EECA mailed out over \$1M in capital credits to consumer-members who had service in 1991 & 1992 on August 22. Please let us know if you have any questions on the refund you received or should have received.*



**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.

## New Forestry Apprentices

Dylan McClerren was born and raised in Benton, Ill., and is a Benton Consolidated High School graduate. **18-05-0009** After graduation, he went straight into the workforce and did line clearance work for Oilfield Electric and Endrizzi Contracting for nearly two years. He currently resides in DeSoto and is excited to start his career with Egyptian Electric, continuing as a Forestry Apprentice.

Tyler Hawk is from Elverville and is a Elverado High School graduate. He was a farmhand for five years prior to coming to Egyptian Electric Cooperative. Tyler enjoys being outside, fishing, camping and traveling. Tyler and Dylan both joined us on Aug. 8, 2022.

Welcome Dylan and Tyler to the cooperative family!



Dylan McClerren

Tyler Hawk



**Key Accounts Luncheon**  
By invitation  
Thursday, Oct. 13, 12PM

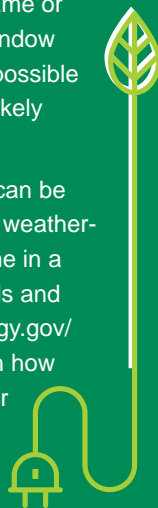
### Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

With winter weather on the way, now is the time to seal drafty windows. If you can see daylight around a window frame or if you can rattle a window (movement means possible leaks), the window likely needs to be sealed.

Most window leaks can be sealed with caulk or weather-stripping, which come in a variety of compounds and materials. Visit [energy.gov/energysaver](http://energy.gov/energysaver) to learn how and where to seal air leaks.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)



## ARE HOME ELECTRONICS AND APPLIANCES DRAINING YOUR ENERGY?

If you collect your spare change in a jar, all those coins add up over time, usually to a larger amount than you expect.

Small amounts of consumed energy throughout your home add up as well, so plug "energy vampires" into a smart power strip that detects dormant devices or unplug items when not in use, especially those with illuminated controls.

# TOP NINE ENERGY VAMPIRES



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