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Fourteen 2023 IEC Memorial Scholarships available



Illinois electric cooperatives will be awarding 14 educational scholarships in 2023 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 14 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. "We are hopeful a student from our cooperative would be selected as a recipient this year," says Shane Hermetz, executive vice president/general manager. "Egyptian Electric Cooperative and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. **24-24-0003** One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth and investing in them through programs like this one."

Nine of the scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric co-op consumer-member. A 10th 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. Four additional scholarships are reserved for high school seniors enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative consumer-members, employees and/or directors. Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2022.

For more information regarding the scholarships, contact EECA Member Services Manager Brooke Guthman. All information has been

shared with area high school guidance counselors and is available online at eeca.coop.

APPLY ONLINE



aiec.coop/aiec-scholarship/?coop=EGT

VETERANS DAY



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Lineworker's Safety Rodeo

EECA lineworkers participated in the annual Lineworker's Safety Rodeo coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) on Sept. 28. Fourteen teams, 12 were from electric co-ops, participated in the friendly competition. The rodeo highlights the skills lineworkers use to work safely and efficiently.

Hunter Lodge, Jared Bastien and Ronnie Gill represented EECA at the rodeo, held at the LLCC Line School Yard in Springfield. They competed against teams from across Illinois in events using skills that focus on agility, speed and accuracy. While these skills are part of the judging criteria, above all, participants are judged on safe work practices.

Line personnel competed in four team and five individual events: a 40-foot climb, hurt man rescue, H-structure obstacle course, a surprise written exam for the mystery event and a head-to-head climbing challenge. Scores for each event are based on

completion time, proper execution of the task and safety. **36-02-0015** Deductions were made to a team or individual's overall performance score due to mistakes such as slipping when climbing poles, dropping tools or executing inappropriate procedures or methods.

At the end of the day, the EECA team won **FIRST** place in the hurt man rescue competition, Jared Bastien won **FIRST** place and Hunter Lodge won **THIRD** in the hurt man rescue individual competition!

Congratulations to our three lineworkers on their team and individual efforts!

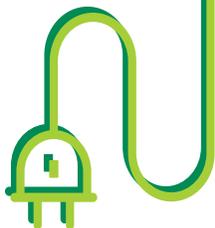


Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Is your home heating system ready for the winter chill? One of the easiest ways to keep your system running efficiently is to regularly replace filters. If your central air system has a furnace filter, it should be replaced about every 90 days.

If your home is heated through warm-air registers, baseboard heaters or radiators, remember to clean them regularly to boost efficiency.

Source: energy.gov



Reminder



TEN \$500 CLASSROOM GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications due November 4
and can be found at eeca.coop

As a local company, it is important for us, and also most beneficial to you, to have your most up-to-date mailing address, email and best phone number on file. Whether it be to ask an operational on-site question or internal billing question, we want to make sure you are kept in the loop on all communications!



If you've had any changes, please submit your most up-to-date information through SmarHub, our website (eeca.coop), by emailing info@eeca.coop or by calling us at (800) 606-1505.



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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.

Stay safe while hunting

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that 101.6 million Americans participate in wildlife-related activities each year, such as hunting, fishing, and wildlife-watching. It is estimated that there are 11.5 million hunters and nearly 36 million fishermen.

Hunting is actually ranked as one of the safer activities when compared with other sports, including baseball, football, basketball and running. Over the past 20 years, the number of unintentional firearm fatalities has declined. From 1997 to 2017, the number dropped by 50%, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF.org).

Hunters should always put safety first, as incidents and accidents do happen. Cardiac disease, lacerations and tree-stand accidents are the most common reasons for hunters to visit the emergency room. Be safe out there and follow these guidelines:

1. Watch for the warning signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition. Hunters can walk far distances when shooting and dragging an animal. Completing these activities (especially if the person is not otherwise active) can increase the heart rate and induce heart attacks.
2. Wear a full-body harness when in a tree stand to prevent falls that can cause serious injury.
3. Check tree stands regularly; they can deteriorate over time. **48-04-0226**
4. Do not lean tree stands against utility poles, instead keep them far from overhead power poles and lines.
5. Be observant of power lines in wooded areas. Make sure they will not be in your line of sight when shooting.
6. Share your hunting plan. Where will the hunt take place and for how long?
7. Have a way to get in touch with the outside world. Keep your cell phone in a pocket rather than in a pack. Take a portable battery charger.
8. Know the hunting area. Check national forest boundaries and avoid private land. Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.
9. Always carry a first-aid kit.
10. Respect firearms: Have the safety on, handle the gun like it is always loaded, always point it away from others and know what and where the target is.
11. Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans. They can drop to the ground, energize it or cause a fire.
12. Wear blaze orange.

STAY SAFE OUT ON THE HUNT



Take precautions to stay safe on your next hunting expedition.



Know the signs of a heart attack or other life-threatening condition.



Have a way to get in touch with the outside world.

Always implement firearm safety techniques.



Do not lean a tree stand against a utility pole.

Do not fire at power lines, insulators or conductor cans.



Carry a first-aid kit.



Check the weather in advance and be prepared.

Check tree stands regularly for stability.

Survey the area for potential electrical hazards.



Be visible: Wear blaze orange.

Learn more at:

