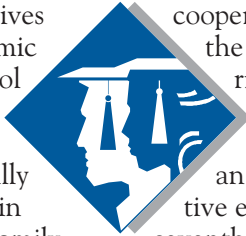


# Illinois cooperatives offer college scholarships

Illinois electric cooperatives will award seven academic scholarships to high school seniors in 2011 through a memorial scholarship fund designed to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family.



A fifth 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. The sixth and seventh scholarships are reserved for students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college who are the sons or daughters of Illinois electric cooperative members, employees, or directors.

In addition, a new eighth scholarship—to assist with costs in attending an electric lineworker school—will be offered for the first time.

The eight scholarships of \$1,250 each will be awarded in 2011 through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Four scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the

A new eighth annual scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship, will be awarded for the first time in 2011. This \$1,250 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College,

Springfield, Ill. Relatives of co-op employees and directors are eligible for the lineworker's scholarship, as are individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

LaVern McEntire served as a lineman for McDonough Power Electric Cooperative from 1949 until 1991. He and his wife, Nola, helped to endow and establish the scholarship to financially assist deserving individuals in becoming trained lineworkers.

Applications are available at area high schools, online at [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop) and at our Janesville and South Beloit offices. The application deadline is Jan. 1. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Uebelacker at (866) 752-4550 or [barbu@rock.coop](mailto:barbu@rock.coop).

## Rebates available for energy-efficiency upgrades

Rock Energy members who live in Illinois are eligible for rebates of up to \$1,500 when they make specific energy efficiency improvements to their homes.

### How much are the rebates?\*

Geothermal heat pumps.....	\$1,500
Air-source heat pumps.....	\$1,000
Central air conditioning.....	\$350
Natural gas or LP furnace.....	\$350
Heat pump water heater.....	\$250
Insulation/air sealing.....	\$500 maximum, 30% of project cost

\*Rebates will be approved for only one piece of heating or cooling equipment

### How does the program work?

1. Call Rock Energy at (866) 752-4550 to arrange an energy assessment, which is required to qualify for the rebates. Appointments will be scheduled between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. A \$25 fee will be collected at the time of the in-home assessment.
2. You will receive recommendations about how to improve your home's energy efficiency, performance, and comfort.
3. Decide what work will be completed and submit a proposal and cost estimate to us. We will return a signed copy, stating that funds have been set aside for you.

4. Work must be completed within 60 days.
5. Send us a completion form with copies of your receipts.
6. We will issue a check to you.



If you have questions about the program, call our office at (866) 752-4550 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You also can visit [www.rock.coop](http://www.rock.coop) and click on the HomE logo.



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