

Norris Electric *News*

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Dave Sheppard.....Jasper

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Tamara Phillips



Petitions for Board of Directors are available

What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on Norris Electric's board means you're making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the community it serves. On a granular level, Norris Electric board members typically provide input and guidance on:

- budgets
- co-op goals and direction
- co-op's community/charitable contributions
- capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology
- renewable investments and energy mix
- co-op's role and involvement in economic development
- analysis and approval of the Purchase Power Agreement

The term of four directors will expire with the February 2025 annual meeting. The board seats are up for election, with one board member to be elected from each county: Clark, Crawford, Cumberland and Jasper.

Four incumbents intend to seek reelection. They are Justin Parcel, Clark County; Kurt Holscher, Crawford

County; Ted Helmink, Cumberland County; and Dave Sheppard, Jasper County. Any members who reside and take service in any of the four counties above may submit a petition to be placed on the ballot.

According to the cooperative bylaws, all candidates must submit a petition signed by at least 25 members to be placed on the ballot. Requests for petitions will be available Nov. 15, 2024, and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on Dec. 23, 2024.

Petitioners with qualified petitions will be placed on the ballot. Ballots will be mailed 30-45 days prior to our annual meeting. The results will then be announced at our annual meeting, to be held on Feb. 22, 2025.





Powering your future

17 scholarships, \$2,500 each

At Norris Electric Cooperative, we believe the key to a brighter future lies in empowering the next generation. That's why electric cooperatives across Illinois are committed to investing in our youth through scholarships that not only honor the legacy of our cooperative family but also fuel the dreams and goals of tomorrow's leaders.

The electric cooperatives of Illinois will award 17 scholarships, each worth \$2,500, to outstanding students from the electric cooperative family through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

"This isn't just about financial aid — it's also about empowering students," said Tamara Phillips, Norris Electric Cooperative General Manager. "While honoring those who came before us, we're also investing in the future. Illinois' electric cooperatives are constantly searching for ways to spark positive change in our communities. Supporting our youth through scholarship programs like this is one of the impactful ways we help shape tomorrow."

Here's a brief rundown of the scholarships available.

- Ten scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are Illinois electric co-op members, giving these students a bright start on their educational journey.
- The Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship is reserved for a student whose parent is an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director, honoring the legacy of service within our cooperative family.
- Five scholarships are dedicated to students enrolling full-time at a two-year Illinois community college, who are also children of an electric cooperative member in Illinois.
- The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship is designed for those ready to light up the world by pursuing a career in linework and are enrolled or plan to enroll at Lincoln Land Community College's lineworker program. This scholarship supports students of co-op members, relatives of employees or directors, and those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces or National Guard.

Don't miss out on this opportunity! The general scholarship application deadline is Dec. 31, 2024, and the lineworker scholarship is due by April 30, 2025. For more information, contact Norris Electric Cooperative by visiting www.norriselectric.com/scholarships or aiec.coop. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors.

"This is a great opportunity for the next wave of bright minds within our co-op community," said Phillips. "These scholarships will help ensure that our future is powered by knowledge and a shared commitment to excellence. Let's light the way to a brighter tomorrow."

SCHOLARSHIP

Apply Online Today

Deadline is Feb 1st

Norris Electric Scholarship Program

Norris Electric is offering **THREE** \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors. Visit our website @ www.norriselectric.com for rules and the application. You can also contact your school's guidance counselor for more details.

Attention, high school seniors!

Norris Electric Cooperative will award four \$1,000 scholarships to the sons or daughter of Norris Electric members who are currently receiving service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted.

Requirements for application:

1. Must be a high school senior.
2. Must begin college within a year of notification.
3. Must be a full-time (12 hours) student.

Scholarship awarded based on:

1. Grade point average
2. College entrance test scores
3. Work & volunteer experience
4. School & community activities
5. Knowledge of electric cooperatives
6. Biographical essay

Deadline for application submission is Feb. 1, 2025.

For more information, contact your high school guidance department or visit the cooperative website at www.norriselectric.com to download an application.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY, NOV. 28, 2024.

REMINDER:

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 2024.





Future lineman gains hands-on experience with our team

We were thrilled to recently welcome Kyson Bradley, a Newton Community High School (NCHS) senior, for a job-shadowing experience. Kyson, the son of Chris and Leann Bradley from Jasper County, spent the day with our team to gain insight into the day-to-day responsibilities of our linemen.

Kyson had the opportunity to ride with Dylan Davidson, Justin Mahaffey and Ben Bierman and observe the crucial work that keeps our operations running smoothly. His

enthusiasm for the field was evident as he learned about the safety measures, teamwork and technical skills essential to being a lineman.

Kyson has big plans for his future. After graduating from NCHS, he will be attending the lineman program at Frontier Community College. We're excited to see him take the next steps toward this rewarding career, and we wish him all the best in his journey ahead!

Residential electric heat rate available

Norris Electric offers an electric heat rate? The rate is available to residential members of the cooperative for uses where electricity is the sole source of all space heating energy. The heat source must be for the whole house and permanently installed. Types of electric heat which qualify include geothermal heat pumps, air source heat pumps and electric furnaces.

The only obligation is the member must continue the electric heat rate for 12-month increments.

The electric heat rate offers a lower rate in the winter months that more than offsets the slightly higher summer rate when compared to our standard rate.

Call our office today at 877-783-8765 for a rate comparison and see if you can start saving money on your electric bill!

