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EnerStar is a not-for-profit electric cooperative owned by its member-owners, who are also the customers receiving electricity services. That's you!

Each year, these member-owners elect fellow co-op members from their voting district to serve on the board of directors. The board is responsible for overseeing the cooperative's operations, establishing policies and guidelines, approving the financial budget, and developing the cooperative's strategic vision. This highlights the cooperative difference: Decisions are made by local residents who care about their communities.

The co-op board consists of nine directors, with one representative from each district as outlined in the co-op bylaws approved by the membership. Typically, three positions are open each year.

The process for active members seeking an open board seat is currently underway. If you are interested in seeking a position on the co-op board, see page 2 for more detailed information regarding the election process.

The board election results are announced at the cooperative's **Annual Meeting of Members this year, scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025**. All active members will receive an official meeting notice in mid-April, which will include meeting details and specific information regarding the director election for their district.

**Proposed bylaw changes approved by co-op membership**

While we encourage active participation in the director election process, there are instances when co-op members run unopposed for a board seat. At the 2024 Annual Meeting, cooperative members approved a bylaw change to address this situation.

If more than one candidate is running for a board seat, the regular mail-in ballot process will be used. However, when only one candidate is running for a board seat, the co-op will suspend the mail portion of the election process. Unopposed candidates will be presented for a verbal vote during the Annual Meeting of Members, and members in that district will be notified when this occurs.

To learn more about the meeting and the director elections, visit [www.enerstar.com](http://www.enerstar.com). If you have any questions, please call our office at 1-800-635-4145, and we would be happy to discuss the process further with you.



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2025  
DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

What You Need to Know

# Petitions available for June 2025 board elections

EnerStar Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting of Members is set for June 7, 2025, and cooperative members have the opportunity to run in the upcoming board of directors election. Members who are eligible candidates and can commit the time and energy to the member-owned corporation may want to consider this opportunity.

The role of director is a significant commitment – of time, energy and education – more than most members realize. Thankfully, there are members who are willing to serve in this important capacity. Decisions made can affect the membership into the next generation.

For the 2025 election, EnerStar has three director seats, which are three year terms in Districts A3, B6 and C8.

Members interested in running for the board should contact the cooperative office to verify eligibility and receive a petition packet. The packet includes all the necessary information one would need to learn more about the cooperative and the role of the director.

Board petitions require the signatures of 15 EnerStar members who live in the candidate's voting district. All members signing petitions must have an original membership card on file and must be currently receiving electricity from the cooperative. Candidates will also need to check with cooperative



personnel to make certain they reside within the correct Representative District. Petition packets will be available beginning **February 21, 2025**.

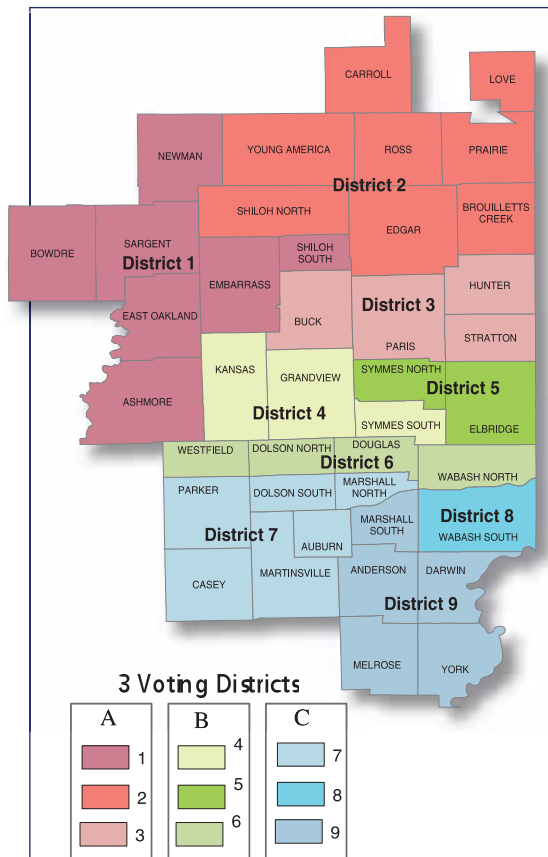
Completed petitions may be turned in to the cooperative office from

**March 24, 2025 to April 8, 2025.**

Candidates should also provide a short biographical sketch, 250 words or less, and a digital photo to be published with the Annual Meeting Notice.

Candidates should also make plans to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting of Members on **Saturday, June 7, 2025**.

The tentative mailing date of the official notice of the meeting will be late April.



Voting Districts A, B, and C each contain three Representative Districts in shades of red, green, and blue, respectively.



## Need any wood chips? We've got them!

EnerStar Electric Cooperative is responsible for maintaining about 1,500 miles of overhead power lines. Trees that grow near these lines sometimes need to be pruned or trimmed to avoid power outages and ensure the safety and reliability of the electricity supply.

After pruning, the branches and limbs are often put through a wood-chipper as part of the clean-up process. The good news is these chips are available to our cooperative members.

### A few things to know about the wood chips:

- The chips are of multiple tree species, may contain twigs, and have an irregular shape and color.
- EnerStar will deliver for free when in your area.
- Only full loads are available, averaging about 10 to 12 yards per load.

If you want to be added to our list of members requesting wood chips, visit our website at [www.enerstar.com/wood-chips](http://www.enerstar.com/wood-chips) or call our Engineering & Operations Department at 1-800-635-4145.

*Considering a career  
as a lineworker?*

**Apply today for a  
\$2,000 scholarship!**

The \$2,000 LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship will help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the AIEC in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL. Apply online by April 30, 2025.



## Now is a great time to sign up for budget billing



Members wanting to eliminate the fluctuations of their monthly electric bills are encouraged to sign up for EnerStar's Budget Billing program!

Accounts with at least 12 months of consumption history and with account balances paid in full are eligible.

- Monthly budget bills are reevaluated in April, August and December based on the account's consumption history. If necessary, the monthly amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- There is no "catch up" month. When reevaluating the account, any under-collected amounts and overpaid amounts are "rolled over" into the next 12 months.
- Monthly budget bills must be paid before the disconnect date. If payment is not received, the account will be removed from the budget plan.
- If an account is removed from budget billing for any reason, any balance on the account is due immediately.

If you are interested in signing up Budget Billing, contact the Member Services at 1-800-635-4145 or [memberservices@enerstar.com](mailto:memberservices@enerstar.com). You can also sign up through the SmartHub app!





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**2025  
RESIDENTIAL  
REBATE PROGRAM**

#### Geothermal Heat Pump (with Electric Backup)

- ▶ Water-to-air closed loop  $\geq 17.1$  EER /  $\geq 3.6$  COP
- ▶ Water-to-air open loop  $\geq 21.1$  EER /  $\geq 4.1$  COP
- ▶ Water-to-water closed loop  $\geq 16.1$  EER /  $\geq 3.1$  COP
- ▶ Water-to-water open loop  $\geq 20.1$  EER /  $\geq 3.5$  COP

##### CLOSED LOOP, REPLACING:

*electric resistance, fossil fuel, air source heat pump, or into new construction geothermal*

\$2,000  
\$250

##### OPEN LOOP, REPLACING:

*electric resistance, fossil fuel, air source heat pump, or into new construction geothermal*

\$1,000  
\$250

#### Air Source Heat Pump (Whole Home)

- ▶ Electric Back-up
- ▶  $\geq 15.2$  SEER2
- ▶  $\geq 8.1$  HSPF2
- ▶  $\geq 1.75$  COP at 5° (Cold Climate ASHP only)\*
- ▶ Condenser and coil must be replaced and installed as a matched set

##### REPLACING:

*Electric Resistance Heat*  
*Natural Gas, Propane, Fuel Oil Heat*  
*Air Source Heat Pump*  
*New Construction*

##### COLD CLIMATE HEAT PUMP\*

\$1800  
\$1800  
\$1800  
\$1800

##### NON-COLD HEAT PUMP

\$750  
\$750  
\$250  
N/A

#### Air Source Heat Pump (Partial Home)

- ▶ Electric Back-up
- ▶  $\geq 15.2$  SEER2
- ▶  $\geq 8.1$  HSPF2
- ▶  $\geq 1.75$  COP at 5° (Cold Climate ASHP only)\*
- ▶ Condenser and coil must be replaced and installed as a matched set

##### REPLACING:

*Electric Resistance Heat*  
*Natural Gas, Propane, Fuel Oil Heat*  
*Air Source Heat Pump*  
*New Construction*

##### COLD CLIMATE HEAT PUMP\*

\$800  
\$800  
\$800  
\$800

##### NON-COLD HEAT PUMP

\$250  
\$250  
\$250  
N/A

#### Natural Gas, Propane, and Fuel Oil with Heat Pump - Split System (Ducted)

- ▶  $\geq 15.2$  SEER2
- ▶  $\geq 7.5$  HSPF2
- ▶ A new heat pump may be installed on an existing gas furnace
- ▶ New system must heat and cool entire home

##### REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE: *electric furnace, ceiling cable, baseboard*

\$500

##### REPLACING FOSSIL FUEL AND CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING

\$500

##### ADDING A HEAT PUMP TO AN EXISTING GAS FURNACE

\$500

##### NEW CONSTRUCTION

\$500

#### Heat Pump Water Heater

- ▶ Minimum UEF of 3.3

##### REPLACING ELECTRIC RESISTANCE TANK

\$800

##### REPLACING NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE WATER HEATER

\$800

##### NEW CONSTRUCTION

\$800

#### Wi-Fi Thermostat

- ▶ Approved Wi-Fi thermostats

##### REPLACING NON WI-FI THERMOSTAT WITH WI-FI THERMOSTAT

\$75

#### PURCHASE RECEIPTS REQUIRED FOR ALL REBATE APPLICATIONS.

AHRI Certificates required for all geothermal, air source heat pump, and heat pump water heater rebate applications.

Heat loss/heat gain calculations required for geothermal and air source heat pumps.

Failure to provide requested information may result in forfeiture of rebate.

All installations are subject to verification and/or inspection.

For full requirements, see applications.

**REBATE  
PROGRAM ENDS  
DEC. 31, 2025, AND  
IS SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE  
WITHOUT NOTICE.**



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