



2025 Annual Meeting Scholarship Winners

2026 Annual Meeting Scholarships Now Available!

The 2026 EECA Annual Meeting Scholarship Applications are available from now until July 5, 2026. Application is open to any full-time, or soon to be full-time, college students who are consumer-members or dependents/children of consumer-members, of EECA (receiving electricity from EECA). Incomplete application and information may be disqualified.

We will again be giving away ten \$1,000 scholarships to be drawn following our EECA Annual Meeting of the Members at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at our office location at 1732 Finney Road in Murphysboro! See the scholarship application & eligibility here or on page 6 of the magazine. Official rules and eligibility are also below:

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be a consumer-member in good standing of Egyptian Electric Cooperative (EECA), or is the dependent of a consumer-member of the Cooperative who

is in good standing, and must have been a consumer-member for one year prior to July 9, 2026.

2. The applicant must be enrolled, or have applied for enrollment, in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational school for the Fall 2026 term. **Katie Prather**
3. Application must be completed and signed by the applicant and parent or legal guardian (if a dependent of the consumer-member). Proof of college registration for Fall 2026 must be included with application. Verification of enrollment could include a payment installment, copy of school schedule or equivalent proof.
4. **Application and proof of enrollment must be returned to EECA by July 5, 2026. Applications will be accepted by completing the online**

application or by mail, fax, email or by dropping off in our lobby or after-hours dropbox.

5. Prior annual meeting scholarship applicants are eligible. Prior scholarship recipients are ineligible.
6. The Annual Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2026. Applicants must be registered before 6 p.m. to be in the drawing. Scholarship drawings will take place live following the business meeting. **Attendance for student and parent/legal guardian (if a dependent) is mandatory, no exceptions.** Scholarship funds will be addressed and sent directly to scholarship winners in the mail.

For questions regarding the scholarships, please contact Brooke at 800- 606- 1505 or bguthman@eeca.coop.



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- Mail to: 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966
- Set up recurring bank draft or credit card payments
- Use SmartHub portal, online or mobile app
- By phone at 855-939-3675, using credit card or checking account
- Off-site kiosks located at 2301 N. Reed Station Parkway and 1815 W. Main in Carbondale

Nominating & Credentials Committee

The 88th EECA Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on Thursday evening, July 9, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the EECA headquarters facility. At that meeting, the terms of directors Steve Prest of Coulterville, Mary Jo Homan of Chester, and Richard Asaturian of Carbondale will be up for reelection.

The board of directors of the Cooperative has appointed the following persons for the Nominating & Credentials Committee:

Matt Crain, *Carbondale*
Richard Fager, *Murphysboro*
Wes Fritsche, *Marissa*
Kenneth Hollmann, *Gorham*
Royce Hoops, *Chester*
Stuart Langrehr, *Evansville*
Jefferson Lindsey, *Carbondale*
Donald Stallman, *Chester*
Cynthia Winter, *Pinckneyville*

Any consumer-member interested in running for the Board may do so by collecting at least 15 signatures from fellow consumer-members on their petition. Completed petitions are due to EECA by end of business on Monday, May 11, 2026, where they will be presented to the Nominating & Credentials Committee. **Gary Timper**

The Nominating & Credentials Committee will meet at the Murphysboro headquarters office of the Cooperative, 1732 Finney Road, Murphysboro, Ill., on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for election to the board of directors. Any consumer-member may attend the meeting. Upon making their nominations for the three available board seats, the committee will immediately post a list of the nominations for directors at the office of the Cooperative.

The Cooperative bylaws provide that each active consumer-member of the Cooperative is entitled to one vote for each matter presented to the membership at the annual meeting. Therefore, proxy voting is not allowed. Any member having questions regarding the matters above may contact any member of the board of directors for clarification or further information at directors@eeca.coop.

Cooperative bylaws and petitions can be obtained at the cooperative office, website (eeca.coop) or mailed to you upon request.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Bame
Secretary-Treasurer

Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 9
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

EECA Headquarters
1732 Finney Rd., Murphysboro



MEMBER PRIZES

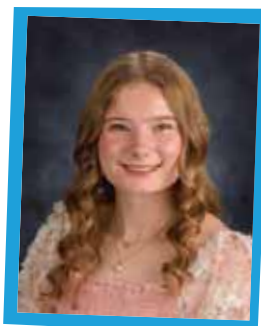
Every month we will have three member names hidden throughout our Egyptian Electric News section. If you find your name, call our office and identify yourself and the page that it is on and you will win a \$10 credit on your next electric bill.



Summer Skelly
Murphysboro High School



Maddox Seaman
Carterville High School



Peyton Rixman
Pinckneyville Community High School

EECA Announces Delegates for Youth Tour 2026 to Washington, D.C.

Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association (EECA) is proud to announce that Summer Skelly of Murphysboro High School, Maddox Seaman of Carterville High School, and Peyton Rixmann of Pinckneyville Community High School have been selected as the 2026 delegates for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This annual program provides high school students from across the nation with an exciting opportunity to explore our nation's capital, connect with like-minded peers, and engage with elected representatives on issues that matter in their communities.

Each year, EECA sponsors outstanding students from within its service territory to participate. Summer, Maddox and Peyton will join over 1,500 students from electric cooperatives across the country for a week of sightseeing, leadership development, and an in-depth look at the cooperative business model. They will visit historic and cultural landmarks,

meet with lawmakers, and gain valuable insights into how the government operates.

For over 58 years, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken part in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Tour. Sponsored by electric and telephone cooperatives like EECA, this program has grown into an invaluable leadership experience, equipping students with knowledge and connections that will benefit them for years to come. **Edward Morber**

EECA congratulates Summer, Maddox and Peyton on their selection and applauds their dedication to leadership, service, and academic excellence. We look forward to following their journey and hearing about the experiences and insights they bring back from Washington, D.C. These young leaders represent the bright future of our communities, and we are confident they will make the most of this incredible opportunity!



ANNUAL MEETING

THUR, JULY 9 @ 6 P.M.
GATES OPEN AT 4:30 P.M.

Board petitions are now available.
Annual Meeting Scholarship applications are open.
Print version on page 6. Details at eeca.coop



ENERGY EFFICIENCY
TIP OF THE MONTH

As temperatures start to rise, many homeowners focus on staying cool. Don't forget about the small gaps around windows and doors. While air sealing is often associated with keeping cold air out during winter, it's just as important during summer. Tiny cracks and worn weatherstripping allow cool, conditioned air to escape and hot, humid air to seep indoors. This forces your air conditioner to work harder than necessary and increases energy costs. Take a few minutes to check for drafts, replace weatherstripping and seal leaks. A tighter home keeps you more comfortable and helps manage energy use.

Source: energy.gov



EECA Launches \$500 Student Support Grants

New Program to Help Schools Provide for Students' Basic Needs

EECA is launching a new initiative this year called **Student Support Grants** to help schools provide for the everyday needs of their students. These grants will fund essential items and services that support student well-being so they can focus and learn.

Unlike EECA's Classroom Empowerment Grants, which enhance educational opportunities and classroom spaces, Student Support Grants are designed specifically to meet students' daily, personal needs. Eligible items include items such as hygiene products, backpacks, school supplies, clothing closet items, laundry supplies, feminine hygiene products, food pantry items, and other items that support student well-being.

For the 2026-2027 school year, EECA will award six (6) \$500 grants to schools to purchase these items. Applications will be reviewed anonymously and selected based on demonstrated need and potential impact.

Eligible applicants include school personnel serving public pre-K through 12th grade students within EECA's service territory. Schools do not need to receive electric service from EECA to apply.

Applications open April 1 and will close on May 13.

Grant recipients will be announced by July 31, 2026, with funds distributed in August at the start of the school year.

Educators and school staff are encouraged to apply if they see a need that this funding could help address. Full program details and the online application are available at eeca.coop/student-support-grants.

