ROCK ENERGY COOPERATIVE
Empowering Members Since 1936

A MESSAGE FROM:
Shane L. Larson,
Chief Executive Officer

Rock Energy Toy Drive Begins November 1st

Rock Energy is dedicated to supporting our members and communities in various ways. Our commitment to you extends far beyond providing the energy that powers your life, and we are guided by something that is very important to us, the seven Cooperative Principles. These principles illustrate how we conduct business and interact with our members, our suppliers, and each other. One of these principles is **Concern for Community**, which is directly related to many of the things we do as a co-op for the betterment of the community, such as (among other things) present scholarships, award community grants, and organize toy drives, like the one we're hosting in November and December this holiday season.

TOY DRIVE

Rock Energy, along with its employees, will be collecting new toys for children from November 1 through December 8. The gifts will be donated to the Salvation Army and will be distributed to kids in the stateline area.

We encourage our members to donate toys for this effort. Toy donations can be dropped off at either one of our offices in Janesville and South Beloit during regular business hours (see more details to the left). Believe me, the smiles on the children's faces when they receive their gifts will, no doubt, be truly heartwarming. Every contribution, big or small, will surely make a very meaningful difference.

Remember, your generosity helps spread hope and joy throughout the stateline area during a time when it's needed most, and together, we can make the season a little more magical for the children and families who need it most.

Thank you in advance for your donation, and as always, we encourage you to let us know if we can do anything to improve our service to you.

Shane Larson

2026 Rock Energy *Toy Drive*

Donate new toys (unopened in original packaging, not wrapped), a monetary donation, or a Walmart or Target gift card for the Salvation Army this holiday season! Your donation will help children less fortunate by giving them a Christmas they will never forget!

Drop-off Locations:

(During business hours only.)

ROCK ENERGY - JANESVILLE OFFICE:
2815 Kennedy Rd. Toy & Cash Donations
Drop off: M-F (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

ROCK ENERGY - SOUTH BELOIT OFFICE:
15229 Willowbrook Rd. Toy & Cash Donations
Drop off: M-F (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

If you have any questions, contact us M-F during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

• 866-752-4550 / • questions@rock.coop

(Rock Energy offices will be closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving.)

ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE SALVATION ARMY TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATELINE AREA!

NOW OPEN:

2027 Rock Energy Scholarship Application

Rock Energy Cooperative (REC) again is offering scholarships of $1,000 to graduating high school seniors who enroll at an accredited school. Students whose parents or guardians are active members of REC are eligible.

Our scholarship committee will judge applicants based on general merit, cooperation, leadership abilities, financial need, and class ranking.

Rock Energy has awarded financial aid to deserving students for more than 36 years (since 1989).

The online application is available at **www.rock.coop**. Just go to **Member Information**, click on the **Community & Youth** tab, and click on **Scholarships**. Or, you can just scan the QR code below. The deadline for submitting applications is **Jan. 10, 2027**. Applications must be completed online at **www.rock.coop**.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonas Berberich at 866-752-4550, or **jonasb@rock.coop**.

Scan the QR Code and Apply!

Energy Assistance Available For Low-Income Households

The Illinois Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households pay for winter energy services. Fortunately, Rock Energy Cooperative works with LIHEAP, which benefits numerous residents in Illinois households each year.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for assistance, you'll need to complete an application and provide information on each household member and their income, as well as records of your heating costs.

For more information and application details, please call your local office:

- **Winnebago County & Boone County**: 844-710-6919, Rockford Human Services Department, 612 N. Church St., #301, Rockford
- **Stephenson County**: 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111, Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, 27 S. State Ave., Freeport
- **McHenry County**: 815-338-7752, McHenry County Housing Authority, 1125 Mitchell Court, Crystal Lake

Weatherization Services

When you apply for energy assistance, the local agency also will see if you qualify for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps fund energy-efficiency, home improvement projects. If you are eligible for weatherization services, an energy auditor will look at your home to see what can be done to make it more energy efficient. Weatherization services differ with each home, depending on how it was built and its condition.

For general information about LIHEAP, please visit: **helpillinoisfamilies.com**.

Illinois 2026 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2027 Program Year

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE MONTH INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME
1	$3,990	$47,880
2	$5,410	$64,920
3	$6,830	$81,960
4	$8,250	$99,000
5	$9,670	$116,040
6	$11,090	$133,080
7	$12,510	$150,120
8	$13,930	$167,160

Outdoor Decorating Safety Tips

- **Check all outdoor decorations and cords before using them. Discard and replace any cords that are worn, frayed or cracked.**
- **Keep ladders away from overhead power lines.**
- **Ensure all extension cords are rated for outdoor use.**
- **When connecting light sets, make sure the combined wattage does not exceed outlet capacity.**

Rock Energy Director Nominations Open

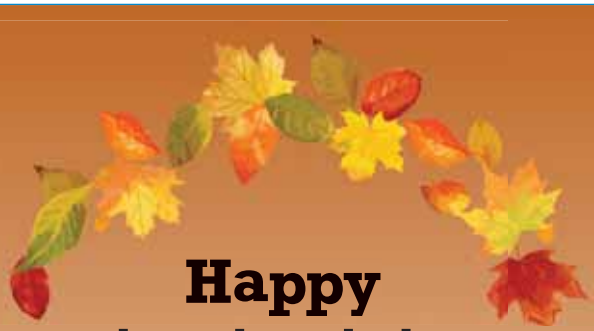
The Rock Energy Cooperative Nominating Committee will be selecting candidates to run for board of director positions in Districts 1, 3 and 5, which will be on the ballot at the **April 12, 2027,** Annual Meeting.

Districts Up For Election Are:

- **DISTRICT 1:** Dunkirk, Albion, Porter and Fulton Townships in Wisconsin
- **DISTRICT 3:** Johnstown, Bradford and Darien Townships in Wisconsin
- **DISTRICT 5:** Turtle, Clinton and Sharon Townships in Wisconsin / Roscoe, Manchester, Leroy, Chemung, Alden and Hebron Townships in Illinois

Active members interested in running for a position on the REC Board of Directors must permanently reside in one of the areas up for election and meet all other qualifications. For more information about being nominated, please contact the co-op at 866-752-4550 or send an e-mail to **questions@rock.coop**.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: **November 30, 2026.**
Applications MUST be received by November 30.



Happy Thanksgiving

Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 30.

Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holiday weekend and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Rd. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

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