


Norris Electric *News*

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Norris Electric Cooperative

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Gordon McClureJasper

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Justin Parcel..... Clark

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Ted Helmink Cumberland

Directors

Ava LemmonCrawford

Dean Dietrich..... Richland

Kurt HolscherCrawford

Gilbert Garbe..... Effingham

Scott Weiss.....Lawrence

Dan Strine Wabash

Dave Sheppard.....Jasper

Ron Viehman.....Lawrence

General Manager

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
- Purchase Power Agreement

The term of three directors will expire with the February 2023 Annual Meeting. The board seats up for election with one board member to be elected from each county are Richland, Wabash and Lawrence.

Two incumbents intend to seek re-election. They are Dan Strine, Wabash County, and Ron Viehman, Lawrence County. Dean Dietrich, Richland County, is not seeking re-election. Any members who reside and take service in any of the three 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. Petitions are available and may be obtained by contacting the cooperative office. Petitions must be returned to the cooperative office by noon on Dec. 28, 2022.

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. 25, 2023.



Fifteen 2023 IEC Memorial Scholarships available

Illinois electric cooperatives will award 15 scholarships in 2023 to financially assist deserving students in the electric cooperative family. The 15 scholarships, \$2,000 each, will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program.

Nine scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors whose parent(s) are an Illinois electric co-op member. A 10th scholarship, the Earl W. Struck Memorial Scholarship, will be awarded to a student who is the child of an Illinois electric cooperative employee or director. Four additional scholarships are reserved for high school seniors enrolling full time at a two-year Illinois community college whose parent(s) are an Illinois electric cooperative member, employee or director.

The 15th scholarship, the LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship, will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois

Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill. Children of co-op members, relatives of co-op employees or directors, and individuals who have served or are serving in the armed forces or National Guard are all eligible for this scholarship.

"We hope to assist electric cooperative youth while honoring past rural electric leaders with these scholarships," says Manager Tami Phillips. "Norris Electric and the other Illinois electric cooperatives are always seeking ways to make a difference in our communities. One of the best ways we can do that is by helping our youth and investing in them through programs like this one."

Deadline to apply is Dec. 31, 2022. The lineworker scholarship deadline is April 30, 2023. For more information regarding the scholarships, contact Norris Electric. Information has also been shared with area high school guidance counselors and is available online at www.norriselectric.com.



Attention high school seniors

Norris Electric Cooperative will award three \$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, 2023.

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

Lavern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship

What is the Lavern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship?

This \$2000 scholarship will help pay for costs to attend lineworker school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative (AIEC) in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill.

Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

One scholarship a year will be awarded to an individual who is the child of an electric cooperative member in Illinois; or is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in the State of Illinois; or is enrolled in the Lincoln Land lineworker school; or has served or is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard. The applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED at the time the scholarship is awarded. (Please see the "Lavern and Nola McEntire Lineworker's Scholarship Official Rules & Regulations" sheet for all eligibility requirements.)

How are the recipients selected?

Scholarships are awarded based on an essay, a biographical statement and references that will be submitted.


How does someone apply?

To apply, the applicant must meet the required criteria as outlined in the "Official Rules & Regulations" and complete the scholarship application available at www.norriselectric.com. Each applicant is responsible for submitting all information required to apply for a scholarship by April 30, 2023.

Make life easier with a gift of energy

With the holidays quickly approaching, why not make gift giving easier with Norris Electric's "Gift of Energy" program. While most people wouldn't normally look to their electric cooperative for gift ideas, Norris Electric Cooperative is offering just that. Through our Gift of Energy program, anyone can make a payment on a cooperative member's account by filling out the form below or stopping by the office.

The Gift of Energy program provides our members the opportunity to make life a little easier for someone they care about.



Gift of Energy Program

Gift Amount \$ _____ From: _____

Member name (s) _____ Phone: _____


FOR ANY CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

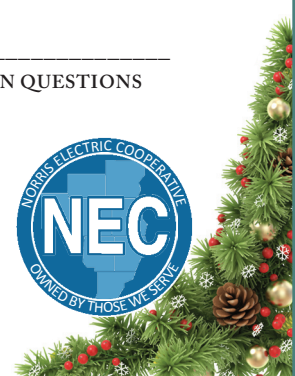
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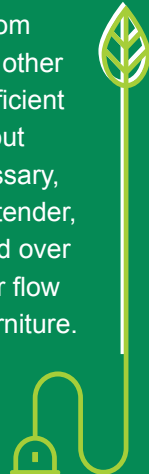





Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Blocked air vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and increase pressure in the ductwork, which can cause cracks and leaks to form. Make sure all air vents are unobstructed from furniture, drapes or other items to ensure sufficient circulation throughout your home. If necessary, purchase a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture.

Source: energy.gov



If you experience an outage, here are some tips on reporting your outage. As always, visit our website or app to view a live outage map. www.norriselectric.com



WHAT TO DO DURING AN OUTAGE

<p>Step 1: Make sure the outage is on our end; check your fuses and breakers and see if your neighbors have lights.</p>	<p>Step 2: Report your outage through our App or by calling our outage reporting system at 1-877-783-3221.</p>	<p>Step 3: Be patient. As our outage management system is predicting the extent of the outage, our dispatch center assigns crews to investigate the issue and make necessary repairs.</p>	<p>Step 4: Check our website, Facebook page or Twitter for updates on major outages. We usually post status updates for larger outage events. (Those affecting 500 members or more).</p>
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*All of us
join in wishing you a very
**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year***

DIRECTORS

Gordon McClure
Ava Lemmon
Ted Helmink
Dave Sheppard

Gilbert Garbe
Dean Dietrich
Scott Weiss
Dan Strine

Kurt Holscher
Ron Viehman
Justin Parcel

EMPLOYEES

Tamara Phillips (Manager)
Jim Meyer
Trisha Beckman
Amy Bickers
Ralph Bowersock Jr
Tammy Knicley
Brad Davidson
Ed Hannaman
Jeff Higgs
Steve Hunzinger
Carla Kistner
Keith Long
Matthew Mitchell
Ronnie Newkirk
Denise Pless
Travis Sipe
Erik Steffen
Tony Zuber

Tim Bohnhoff
Blake Kuhl
Matt Maxon
Ben Bierman
Kim Boyd
Doug Casey
Bill Fields
Kelly Hinterscher
Chris Hildebrand
Arnie Johnson
Doug Klier
Justin Mahaffey
Ian Moore
Annette Stanciu
Matt Roedl
Joe Sowers
Keri Ulm
Mike Weber

Tim Huber
Dylan Davidson
Claude Wilson
Tyler Johnson
Jenny Britton
Casey Fulk
Brian Hemrich
Connor Walters
Scott Johnson
Brianna Helregel
Jamie Mendenhall
Susan Platz
Sarah Semple
Lisa Zumbahlen
Zach Bolin
Corey Rauch
Stephanie Woods
Adriana Bergbower

Our offices will be closed Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd for the holidays.