


Norris Electric *News*

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Norris Electric Cooperative

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Norris Electric Cooperative employees helped make Christmas a little brighter for people in Jasper County. Donations were made to the Jasper County Ministerial Association Christmas Food Box Program and the Giving Tree Project. Monetary donations and gifts helped many families during the holiday season. Thank you, Norris Electric Employees, for your generosity.

If you are thinking of a career as a lineman, this scholarship is for you.



The LaVern and Nola McEntire Memorial Lineworker's Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship to help pay for costs to attend the lineworker's school conducted by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in conjunction with Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill.

One scholarship a year will be awarded to an individual who is related to a rural electric cooperative employee or director in the state of Illinois; or is the son or daughter of an electric cooperative member in Illinois; or is enrolled in the Lincoln Land Lineworker's School; or has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces or National Guard.

If interested in a lineman career, check out the official rules and regulations at norriselectric.com.



Residential Electric Heat Rate available

Did you know 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 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!

SAVE
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DATE

Norris Electric Cooperative will be hosting the 84th Annual Meeting of Members on February 26, 2022 in person. Each Member upon registration will receive a \$10 bill credit that will be applied to their account. Enjoy a catered lunch and a chance to win mega prizes after the meeting. We will also be giving away four \$500 scholarships to four lucky high school seniors.

You won't want to miss it!! Mark your calendars.

★ Watch for more details in February's magazine. ★



**WE'RE ON
OUR WAY!**

Let's say a dangerous winter storm hit last night. The entire area is glazed with an inch of ice and falling trees have taken out your power lines. Your co-op's employees haven't slept and they may not for days. They've arranged for help from other co-ops, are communicating power restoration updates and are risking their lives to make yours more comfortable and safe.

So, next time a storm hits, be patient and understand that we're on our way. You, our members, are our most important priority and we're here for you.

For information about storm safety and back-up generators, contact your local Touchstone Energy cooperative Norris Electric Cooperative at 1-877-783-8765 or 618-783-8765.

Outage Information Center

We work hard year-round to deliver reliable service, but when big storms strike and damage equipment, outages can result. When they do, our entire focus is to safely and quickly restore your service. There are three ways our members can report their outage:

1. **Call 877-783-3221**
2. **Text your outage.** If you prefer to text rather than call your outage in, members will need to have their cell phone number on file at Norris Electric. Then they will need to complete a short registration process on our website, www.norrselectric.com. Once that is complete, members will be able to text their outage in. You will also receive a text when your electric is restored!!
3. **Use our app.** If members have a smart phone, you can download our app and report your outage.

View Outages

Members are able to view Norris Electric's outage map by logging on to our website at norrselectric.com or by opening the Norris app. By viewing the map, it will give members an idea of where the outages are and how many members are affected.

Outage Updates

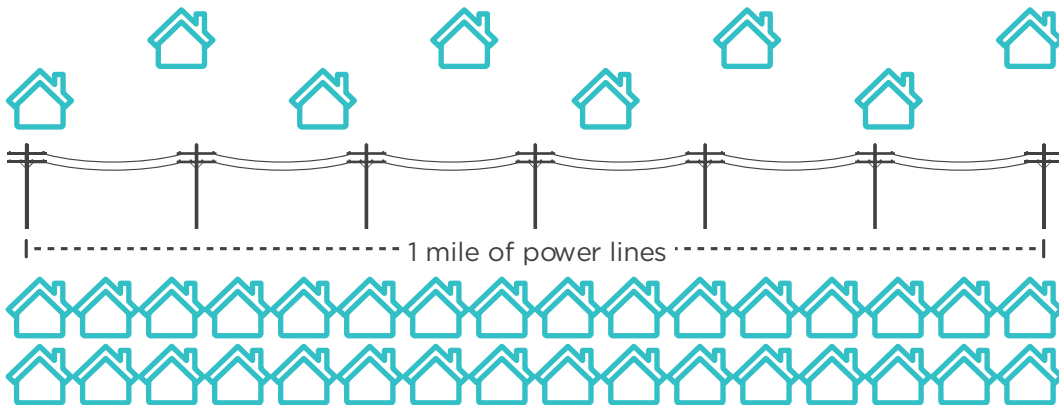
Facebook/Twitter – Be sure to like us on Facebook and Twitter to receive current outage information and updates. (Please do not use social media or email to report an outage because this is **not** monitored 24/7.)

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

Electric co-ops maintain more miles of power lines per consumer than other electric utilities. Even though we power fewer consumers on our lines compared to other utilities, we'll always go the extra mile for you, the consumer-members we proudly serve.

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Serve 8 consumer-members per mile of line



OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Serve 32 consumers per mile of line

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
4. Parents or Guardian must be a Norris Electric member

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, 2022

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



Add a little LIGHT to your night

There's no place like home – and at nightfall, you'll have peace of mind with a night light from your electric cooperative.

Nothing discourages a would-be burglar or trespasser like a brilliant night light. Today's night lights are brighter and more efficient than ever. And since the night light turns itself on at dusk and off at dawn, it's there when you need it, automatically.

A night light is an affordable way to provide safety and protection for your family and possessions.

Norris Electric offers the following night lighting:

70-watt LED outdoor light

\$7 per month

This cost covers installation, operation and maintenance of the light. The electricity the light uses is not metered and is included in the monthly fee. The only requirement is the light must be installed on a Norris Electric transformer pole or existing meter pole. It's a great deal for our members!

Contact our office at 877-783-8765 to sign up.