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Tri-County EMC College Scholarships Now Available

As part of our employees' commitment to the communities we serve, Tri-County EMC is proud to offer scholarships to deserving high school seniors in our service area. Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to graduating seniors who pursue a four-year degree, scholarships of \$250 will be awarded to graduating seniors pursuing a two-year degree and a scholarship of \$400 will be awarded to one non-traditional student. Since 2001, Tri-County EMC employees have raised money through

various fundraisers and have funded scholarships for 1,075 students totaling \$448,800.

To qualify, you must be a high school senior whose parents or guardians are members of Tri-County EMC or attend high school in our service area (Southern Wayne, Charles B. Aycock, Rosewood, Spring Creek, Eastern Wayne, Wayne School of Engineering, Wayne Early College, North Duplin, East Duplin, Duplin Early College, James Kenan, North Lenoir, Lenoir Early College, or South Lenoir High Schools).



Applications may be obtained at the guidance counselor's offices of the schools listed above or by visiting our website at tcemc.com. Applications must be received on or before **March 31, 2022.**

Apply for a Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship



Middle schoolers, if you love basketball and want to gain experience training alongside real college basketball players and coaches, we have great news for you!

Tri-County EMC is now accepting applications for full scholarships to renowned basketball camps at two North Carolina universities this summer. Middle school boys can apply for a scholarship to attend the Carolina Basketball School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and middle school girls can apply for a spot at the Wolfpack Women's Basketball Camp held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. These camps will take place in June 2022.

To apply, students must be a rising sixth or seventh grade student at a qualifying school. Applicants will be judged on their academics, extracurricular activities and an essay. The application period begins in January and applications must be submitted by March 31. To learn more and apply, visit ncelectriccooperatives.com/sports-camps.

Youth Tour Reminder



Don't miss your chance at being part of the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.! Area high schools students that are rising juniors and seniors and whose home is served by Tri-County EMC are eligible to compete for this all-expense-paid trip. Two students from within Tri-County EMC's service area will be selected. For more information, contact Deidra Grantham at Deidra.grantham@tcemc.com or 919-735-2611. Applications are due **Jan. 24, 2022**, and are available online at tcemc.com.

Tri-County EMC Hosts Drive-Thru Annual Meeting

Tri-County EMC celebrated 81 years of service to the members by hosting its Annual Meeting of Members on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021, at Tri-County EMC corporate headquarters in Dudley. To continue safety protocols during the ongoing pandemic, the meeting was drive-thru only.

Each member who registered received \$10 and a registration gift bag, which included a TCEMC beanie, calendar, blanket, potholders and 3-in-1 charging buddy. Registered members were also entered into drawings for a \$81 bill credit.

“Last year, we didn’t know what to expect in terms of participation because

the format was different. Surprisingly, 1,057 participated in our meeting making in a great success,” said Deidra Grantham, manager of marketing and communications of Tri-County EMC. “

This year’s meeting set an attendance record with 1,283 registered members participating.

To ensure member and employee safety, employees interacting with members wore face masks. Employees in bright yellow traffic vests directed drivers through the parking lot and to each stop. Members spent a total time of 5 minutes from entrance to exit. Like usual meetings, members were able to register, vote, receive registration gifts

and be eligible for an \$81 bill credit on the electric bill.

“This was a wonderful annual meeting, it was nice to see and visit with our members, even if it was through their vehicle” said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC. “We are grateful for everyone who came by to ask questions or just say hello.”

During the annual meeting business session, three incumbent directors were re-elected: Jennings Outlaw* of District 1-Duplin County, and David Vinson and Jeff Henderson of District 2-Wayne County.

**Jennings Outlaw passed away post-election, see page 20.*

On Monday, Nov. 15, General Manager Mike Davis drew names of the 81 members who received an \$81 bill credit, the drawing video was posted on the cooperative’s Facebook page. Congratulations to all winners:

Prize Drawings Winners

John Ingram	Betty J. Landes	Catherine P. Dawson	Bert Wheeler
Georgia F. Ferguson	Jennifer Recole McNair	Arthur J. Green	Esther L. King
Felicia E. King	Jerry L. Raynor	Paul Smith	Barbara C. Jordan
Mary E. Moore	Stephanie A. Brewer	George E. Daly	Billy D. Waters
David King Jr.	Jesse F. Johnson	Hattie Dawson	Grover Wayne Cobb
Raeferd Holmes	Robert Wade Moore Jr.	Eula L. Wilson	Tabitha N. Rouse
Janice Fay Smith	Eddie Lee Moses Jr.	Keisharia Zanee Smith	Thomas Earl Deaver
Wilbert Stringfield	Shelonda L. Smith	Robert D. Wooten	Margaret P. Anderson
Billy Joe Hinson	Cathy L. Lutz	Louise Daly	Shannon King
Sarah Phillips	Wiley Mozingo	Wilma B. Britt	Daisy L. Killete
Dwayne Summerlin	Kenneth E. Bizzell	Charles L. Lane	Earlina Robinson
Adam Walter Stocks	Ruth Bailey	Sophonra Anderson	Roy Heath Jr.
Claude M. Jones	Timothy J. Bass	Linda Kay Powell	Edna Braswell
Ethel S. Foss	Deliverance Temple Church	E. Glenn Turnage	Atlas Joseph Price
Marie Carlton Teachey	Thomas Lee Smith	William Fischer	Edna E. Raynor
Welling L. Sutton	Dana K. Baker	David Monroe	Melba Etheridge Keathley
Verta H. Johnson	Regina Lowrie Rich	Phyllis W. Lewis	Joseph W. Grady
Marie A. Kennedy	Katherine F. Igbokwe	Meranda J. Strickland	Jennifer M. Pitts
James E. Alston	Betty Jean Bell	Linda Jones Baughman	Roy L. Davis
Terry Ingram	Janice H. Martin	Lendell Wooten	
Joy K. Best		Joe M. Smith	



Tri-County EMC Remembers Director Outlaw

Remus Jennings Outlaw, Jr., board vice-president of Tri-County EMC, passed away on Monday Nov. 8. Jennings was seated on the Tri-County EMC board in 2012 to represent District 1-Duplin County.

“Jennings was dedicated to Tri-County EMC and had a heart for electric cooperatives,” said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-County EMC. “His contributions to this organization over the years are irreplaceable, we will miss our dear friend.”

Outlaw earned his certification as a Credentialed Cooperative Director, received his Board Leadership Certificate and also received the highest certification the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association awards:

The Gold Certification. In addition to serving on Tri-County EMC board, Jennings served on the Economic Development Board of Duplin County and Board of Trustees with James Sprunt Community.

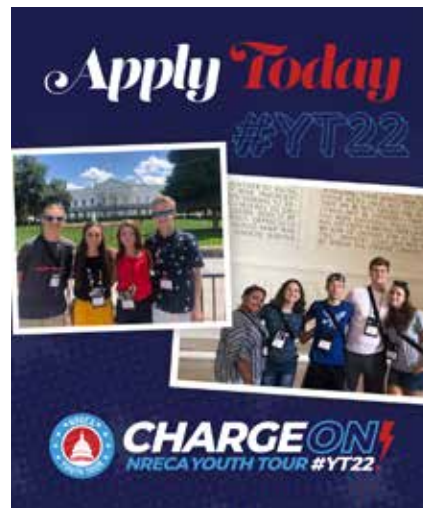
“Those who knew Jennings well at Tri-County EMC knew he truly cared about his role as a board member,” said Carl Kornegay, president of the board. “His knowledge and perspectives were a great asset to the board. He was admired for sticking to his values and will be greatly missed.”



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Maximize your heating system's performance by inspecting, cleaning or replacing air filters once a month or as needed to reduce energy costs and prevent potential damage to your system. Make sure radiators, baseboard heaters and warm-air registers aren't blocked so air can flow freely.

Source: Dept. of Energy



Tri-County EMC Membership Corporation in Dudley, N.C., was chartered May 8, 1940.

Mission Statement:

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation is a member-driven cooperative committed to providing reliable electric power at a reasonable cost, to offering superior service, and to taking an active role in supporting the communities it serves.

We are here to serve you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

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Employee Ready to Serve You



Jerry Mozingo

Jerry Mozingo is one of 50 employees ready to serve you. Jerry has worked with Tri-County since May 30, 2006. Jerry works as a first class lineman for the cooperative. Jerry and wife, Pam, live in the Goldsboro area.