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## Tri-County EMC College Scholarships Now Available!

**T**ri-County EMC recognizes the importance of education. In today's economy, it is often difficult for students to afford to continue their education following high school, which is why we are 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.

The scholarship program is available to any graduating high school senior who is a dependent of a cooperative member-owner or attends 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, Lenoir Early College, James Kenan, North Lenoir, or South Lenoir High School). The scholarship funds can be used at a four-year or two-year college or university, as well as a technical or trade school.



Applications may be obtained at the guidance counselor's offices of the schools listed above or by visiting our website at [tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com). **Applications must be received on or before March 31, 2023.**

**NC YOUTH TOUR**  
JUNE 17-23, 2023  
High school students, apply for a **FREE** trip to Washington, D.C., to experience a week of a lifetime!



APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 6, 2023

### Youth Tour Reminder

Don't miss your chance at the trip of a lifetime by being part of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.! All area rising junior and senior high school students whose home is served by Tri-County EMC are eligible to compete for an all-expense-paid trip to the nation's capital. Two students from within Tri-County EMC's service area will be selected to attend the tour.

Applications are due **Jan. 6, 2023.**



# Tri-County EMC Hosts Drive-Thru Annual Meeting

**O**n Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, 1,580 members cruised through Tri-County EMC's drive-thru Annual Meeting to celebrate 82 years of service at Tri-County EMC corporate headquarters in Dudley.

Each member who registered received \$10 and a registration gift bag that included a TCEMC cap, a calendar, vehicle sunshade, vehicle emergency kit and water spray fan. Registered members were also entered into drawings for a \$82 bill credit.

"Our Annual Meeting is always a great day because we get to visit with our friends and neighbors," said Mike Davis, general manager of Tri-

County EMC. "On behalf of the board of directors and employees of Tri-County EMC, thank you to everyone who came by to visit and celebrate with us all the great accomplishments we've enjoyed during the past year. We greatly appreciate the support our members show year after year."

During the annual meeting three incumbent directors were re-elected. The directors were Scott Ballard of District 1,

William Farmer and Worth Overman of District 2 and Patrick Lynch of District 3.



## Prize Drawings Winners

On Monday, Nov. 16, General Manager Mike Davis drew names of the 82 members who received an \$82 bill credit, and the video was posted on the cooperative's Facebook page. Congratulations to all winners!

Tammy L. Perkins	Katie Lewis	David Thornton	Henry Cherry
Liza M. Hare	Michael E. Hayes	Earl Whitley Plumbing	Mildred M. Kennedy
William Quinn	Jackie L. Wilford	Jennifer M. Eason	Doris J. Smith
Richardo Montel Exum	Vernell Brewington	Hilda B. King	Joshua Edward Odom
Amanda Powers	Marcel R. Ward	Charles D. Raynor	Geraldine Allen
Danny Price	Jewel K. Bowden	Ronnie G. Miller	John L. Robertson
Joy Britt	Mark M. Thomas	Jessie L. Artis, Jr.	Walker Cox
Marvin Edward Hatcher	Brittney Parks McDaniel	Robert L. Scoggins	Elliot B. Graham
Alberta Hayes	Myra E. Brian	Susan J. Allen	Helen Loftin Newbourn
Ida Mattocks	Charlene D. McCarty	Norma J. Vinson	Willie E. Murray
Dwight L. Wynn	Pedro Gomez, Jr.	Charles A. Thomas, II	Willie Byrd
Linda B. Evans	Tracey C. Barwick	Connie Wells	Robert Blackurn
Donald Rouse	Larry L. Rouse	Johnnie L. Guy	Michael G. Williams
James D. Hartman	Gina Kay Thornton	Jesse J. Harper	Nadia L. Jones
Janice Faye Smith	First Corinthians United Church	Evelyn Joyce Manley	Victor Miller
Shirley E. Howard	Carrie D. Boseman	Jeffery E. West	Judy Stanley
Tony A. Grantham	Tillman Farms, LLC	Arthur J. Davis	Jean A. Robinson
Dorothy D. Person	Tanisha N. Brinson	Foster K. Holland	Loree K. Lee
Benjamin Lee	Delores W. Alnaquib	Bobby R. Edwards	Raymond Kornegay, Jr.
Bulmaro Velazquez	Tonya Bostic	Jean J. White	Judy P. Hicks
Jennifer Hernandez		Wanda F. Flow	



## TCEMC Service Awards

Employees and Board of Directors of Tri-County EMC were recently recognized for their years of service during the Annual Christmas Party held at the Duplin Winery on Dec. 3, 2022.

General Manager Mike Davis recognized and congratulated each employee on their outstanding service and dedication to the cooperative and its members. "Congratulations on your service anniversaries, we have the best employees at Tri-County Electric and appreciate their dedication to serve our members daily," says Davis.

Services awards were presented to Timothy Wolfe and Dwayne Skinner for five years, David Thornton for 15 years, William Jones for 25 years, Jeff Kennedy, Denise Simmons and Ken Davis for 30 years and Board President, Carl Kornegay, Jr. for 35 years.



### Annual Meeting by the Numbers

**1,580**  
members attended

Celebrated **82**  
years of service

**3** directors were  
re-elected

**82** members  
won \$82 bill credits



*2022 Service Awards (Front L to R): Ken Davis, Carl Kornegay and Denise Simmons. (Back L to R): David Thornton, Timothy Wolfe, Dwayne Skinner and Jeff Kennedy.*



## Tri-County Welcomes New Employee

**T**ri-County EMC welcomes Geoffrey Merritt as the cooperative's staff accountant. Merritt will work with the cooperative's accounting functions and coordinate finance-related statements.

"Geoffrey's accounting experience will continue to move Tri-County EMC forward," said Ken Davis, manager of Finance and Administration.



**Geoffrey Merritt**

"He has the drive and expertise needed to maintain our role as an industry leader."

Prior to joining Tri-County EMC, Merritt worked as the finance director for the Town of Mount Olive, and 16 years with Goldsboro Accounting Firm Sherif Y. Iskander, CPA, P.A. A 1993 graduate of Southern Wayne, Merritt received a BSBA in accounting from Appalachian State University in 1997. Merritt resides in Mount Olive with his wife, Jennifer, and two children, Hunter and Anna Grace.



### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Insulating your electric water heater can reduce standby heat loss by 25% to 45%, saving you 7% to 16% on annual water-heating costs. The Department of Energy rates this project as medium difficulty, meaning most homeowners can tackle this project on their own. You can purchase pre-cut jackets or blankets for about \$20 at most home improvement stores.

Visit [energy.gov](http://energy.gov) for more project tips and additional considerations.

*Source: energy.gov*

## Get Connected



### Website | [tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com)

Find current news, information about your cooperative, managing your account and energy use, special programs, outage safety and more.

### Facebook | [facebook.com/tricountyemc](https://facebook.com/tricountyemc)

Find current events and get updates during major outages.

### Twitter | [twitter.com/TriCoEMC](https://twitter.com/TriCoEMC)



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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.**

#### For Outages or Emergencies:

919-735-2611 or 1-800-548-4869

[tcemc.com](http://tcemc.com)

**J. Michael Davis**  
General Manager

#### Management Staff

**Kenneth E. Davis, Jr., CPA**  
Manager, Finance & Administration

**Robert B. Kornegay**  
Manager, Member Services

**Deidra Grantham, Editor**  
Manager, Marketing and Communications

**Tony Grantham, P. E.**  
Manager, Engineering & Operations

**Tamah Hughes**  
Manager, Information Technology

#### Board of Directors

**Carl W. Kornegay, Jr**  
President

**David Vinson**  
Vice President

**William H. Farmer, Jr**  
Secretary

**Brandy Rouse**  
Treasurer

**Scott Ballard**  
Keith Beavers

**Jeff Henderson**

**Patrick Lynch**

**Randy McCullen**

**Amanda Murphy**

**Worth Overman**

### Employee Ready to Serve You



#### Ralph Kelly

Ralph Kelly is one of 48 employees ready to serve you. Ralph has worked with Tri-County since Feb. 5, 2008. He is a Staking Technician for the cooperative. Ralph resides in Mount Olive with his wife, Jaime, and two sons, Luke and Brady.