



## SREC'S ANNUAL MEETING 2024

### Embracing Community Connections

By Steve Lucas, CEO

As we turn our calendars to the month of February, our reflections on the beginning of the new year naturally extend to the excitement surrounding upcoming events in 2024. Among these, a much-anticipated event for Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative is fast approaching—our annual meeting in April.

We hope you will join us for this year's annual meeting on April 13, at the Grant County Youth and Ag Building in Lancaster. This gathering is more than just a meeting; it's our opportunity to express appreciation for our members. We value the privilege of connecting with you and gathering diverse perspectives on the future of our cooperative. Your insights play a crucial role in shaping our planning efforts to meet the long-term needs of all SREC members.

As a cooperative, rooted in the principles of democratic member control and community focus, our business model prioritizes serving our members and the community over profit maximization.

As a special highlight, we are thrilled to announce the awarding of 27 scholarships, each valued at \$1,000, to deserving area youth. This initiative reflects our Cooperative Principle No. 7, Concern for Community, in our commitment to supporting the education and aspirations of our community's future leaders. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a scholarship, there's still time! Applications are being accepted until April 8, 2024. Further information on the scholarships, including qualifications, is available on the next page.

Another noteworthy item on the meeting agenda is the elections for the board of directors for Districts 3, 4, and 8. As part of our commitment to Cooperative Principle No. 2, Democratic Member Control, this election is a cornerstone of our cooperative values. It empowers members to play a direct role in the leadership and governance of our organization.

Elected by you, our members, these nine individuals who serve on the board not only live and work in our local service area but also embody the democratic essence of our cooperative. Their firsthand knowledge and life experiences stand as valuable assets, ensuring that your voice is heard

and that decisions align with the collective vision of our membership.

Stay tuned for detailed information on the annual meeting in next month's magazine. We will provide information about the meeting agenda, our financial report, the districts up for election with candidate biographies, and all other pertinent details.

At SREC, we set ourselves apart from conventional utility companies by understanding that active involvement with your electric provider goes beyond the transaction—it translates to vital community support. As a cooperative, rooted in the principles of democratic member control and community focus, our business model prioritizes serving our members and the community over profit maximization. Guided by our commitment to cooperative principles, our primary goal is to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. We will continually strive to identify ways to enhance the quality of life for our community.

We hope you will join us in embracing the promises of this leap year, with its additional day and abundant opportunities. May it inspire us to make a meaningful impact, both big and small, in our community. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting on April 13.

### MEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



This month's featured photo is "Power of the Storm" taken by Brian Hulsether of Montfort.



# SREC OFFERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

College scholarships will be awarded through a drawing at the Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative 87th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The meeting will be held in person at the Grant County Youth and Ag Building in Lancaster. At the time of the meeting, to be eligible to receive a scholarship, the applicant must be either:

- A senior in high school; or
- A senior in a home-schooled program; or
- A non-traditional student entering their freshmen year in a post-secondary accredited program.

## Qualifications:

1. Only dependents of active members (parent or guardian only) or active members of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative will be eligible. (Dependents of employees and directors are eligible as long as they are active members of SREC.)
2. The student **must** be present at the SREC Annual Meeting held on April 13, 2024.
3. After successful completion of the student's first semester (Fall 2024) of post-secondary education AND receiving at least 12 college credits at a minimum "C" average for that semester, a \$1,000 check will be made payable to the school for second semester tuition. If the student fails to meet these qualifications, the scholarship will be awarded to the alternate if they have met all the same requirements.
4. Simply fill out the application at left and return it to the address below. Application must be received **on or before April 8, 2024 to qualify**. Applications can also be completed on our website at [www.sre.coop](http://www.sre.coop) or be picked up at our Lancaster and Darlington offices.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

***Deadline April 8, 2024***

Name

Phone No.

Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Parent(s) Name (or legal guardian)

Address (if different from student)

Cooperative Billing Account Number

Name of High School

Email Address

**\*\* You will receive a confirmation email to the address provided above. Please watch for this email for details about the meeting. If you do not receive a confirmation email by April 8, 2024, please call to verify SREC received your application.**

**Mailing Address:** Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative  
Attn: 2024 Scholarships  
206 County Rd. K  
Lancaster, WI 53813

**Email Address:** [csolmstead@srec.net](mailto:csolmstead@srec.net)

If you have questions regarding the 2024 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Scholarship, please contact Carrie Olmstead at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141 ext. 556.

# SUMMARY OF SREC'S 2024 INCENTIVES

Agricultural/Commercial/Industrial		
Commercial Vending Machine Controls		\$25 each
Circulation Fan	Fans < 36" must be ≥ 18 pounds force/kW Fans ≥ 36" must be ≥ 21 pounds force/kW	\$1 inch
Exhaust Fan	Fans < 36" must be ≥ 18 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP Fans ≥ 36" must be ≥ 21 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP	\$1 inch
Electric Forklift Battery Charger	Must be "controlled" as defined by cooperative	\$200 each
Dairy Plate Cooler / Well Water Pre-Cooler		\$500 each
Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery with Electric Backup	Used with controlled electric water heater as defined by co-op	\$300 each
Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer	≤ 500 watts, insulated tank	\$50 each
Scroll Refrigerant Compressor	\$1,000 cap per compressor	\$30 HP
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	\$1,000 cap per drive	\$30 HP
Appliances		
Clothes Dryer	Must be ENERGY STAR, must be electric	\$25 each
Clothes Washer	Must be ENERGY STAR	\$25 each
Dehumidifier	Must be ENERGY STAR	\$25 each
Dishwasher	Must be ENERGY STAR	\$25 each
Freezer	Must be ENERGY STAR and ≥ 10 cubic ft.	\$25 each
Inductive Range	All inductive ranges qualify	\$25 each
Refrigerator	Must be ENERGY STAR and ≥ 10 cubic ft.	\$25 each
Recycling – Freezer	Must be working appliance	\$25 each
Recycling – Refrigerator	Must be working appliance	\$25 each
Recycling – Room Air Conditioner	Must be working appliance	\$25 each
Conservation		
Electric Vehicle Charging Station	Must be "controlled" as defined by cooperative	\$400 each
Electric Vehicle Smart Charger with integrated metering	Must be "controlled" as defined by cooperative	\$800 each
HVAC & Heat Pump		
Heat Pump – Air Source & Mini-Split	SEER2 14.3+, HSPF2 7.5+ OR SEER 15+, HSPF 8.8+	\$300/ton
Heat Pump – Commercial Air Source & PTHPs	< 20 tons: EER 11+ 20 to < 60 tons: EER 10.5+ ≥ 60 ton: EER 10+	\$300/ton
Heat Pump – Geothermal		\$500/ton
New Furnace with ECM Blower Motor	Variable speed motor (not multi-speed) "or" Eae ≤ 670 kWh/year	\$35 each
Smart Thermostat	Honeywell or Emerson brand thermostat Enrolled in Load Management	\$25 each
Lighting		
LED Lamp	5 lamp minimum	\$0.50 lamp
LED Fixture		\$0.50 per 800 lumens
LED Exit Sign		\$5 sign
Occupancy Sensor	Doesn't include motion detector fixtures	\$5 each
Water Heating		
Commercial Water Heater 75-99 gallons		\$300 each
Commercial Water Heater 100+ gallons		\$600 each
Residential Water Heater 75-99 gallons	Uniform Energy Factor 0.88+	\$300 each
Residential Water Heater 100+ gallons	Uniform Energy Factor 0.88+	\$600 each
Heat Pump Water Heater	Integrated (all-in-one) units, Uniform Energy Factor 2.20+	\$600 each






## 2024 MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST


Our theme this year is “Extraordinary in the Ordinary.” In celebration of the leap year, send us your photos that showcase the extraordinary beauty in the area we call home. Photos must be taken within the Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative service area. Winning photos will be featured each month in future newsletters or cooperative publications. For a complete list of rules and criteria, as well as downloadable forms, visit our website, [www.sre.coop/photo-contest-details](http://www.sre.coop/photo-contest-details).

### FROM THE ARCHIVES



A flashback of an annual meeting—Do you know who this former board member is? If you can tell us more about this photo, please call SREC at 800-236-2141.


Thanks to Randy Hamann (former employee at SREC), we were able to find out the story behind last month’s photo. Grant Electric Cooperative employee Art Clark was assisting with the entertainment for the annual meeting. Art was a member of the Wyalusing Brushing Crew back in the ‘60s and ‘70s.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Area rugs are an easy, cost-effective solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.






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