

WATT'S HAPPENING

SCENIC RIVERS ENERGY COOPERATIVE

LANCASTER, DARLINGTON AND GAYS MILLS, WISCONSIN

52 College Scholarships Available

The Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Board of Directors will award 52 eligible students with \$1,000 scholarships at our 2022 Annual Meeting. Scholarships will be awarded via a drawing at the meeting held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, in person at the Grant County Youth & Ag Building in Lancaster. At the time of the meeting, applicants will be eligible to receive a scholarship by being 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 or active members of Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative will be eligible to receive scholarship money. (Dependents of employees and directors are eligible

so long as they are active members of SREC.)

2. The application can be mailed or emailed to the addresses listed below and must be received on or before **Monday, April 4, 2022**, to qualify:

Mailing Address:

Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative
Attn: 2022 Scholarships
231 N. Sheridan St.
Lancaster, WI 53813

Email Address: csolmstead@srec.net

SREC will mail or email a confirmation receipt to each student who applies. If you do not hear from SREC by April 4, 2022, please call us to verify receipt of your application.

3. The student **must** be present at the SREC Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 9, 2022.
 4. After successful completion of their first semester (Fall 2022) 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 out to the school and the student for their second semester tuition. If the student fails to meet these qualifications, the scholarship will be awarded to the alternate, provided they have met the same requirements.
 5. Simply fill out the application form and return it to the address stated above. Applications can also be picked up at our Lancaster or Darlington offices and are available online at www.sre.coop
- If you have questions regarding the 2022 Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative Scholarship, please contact Carrie Olmstead at 608-723-2121 or 800-236-2141 ext. 556. ■

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone Number

Email address

Parent Name (or legal guardian)

Address of Parent (if different from student)

Cooperative Billing Account Number

Name of High School



2022 Electric\$ense® Rebate Program Launched

Members receive multiple benefits with energy efficient purchases

Members wanting to save energy and money in the new year should review our new 2022 Electric\$ense® rebate forms. Scenic Rivers annually publishes a list of energy efficient items that are eligible for a rebate when a member makes a qualifying purchase and submits the required paperwork. Details and forms can be found on our web-site: www.sre.coop under the Member Services tab.

Eligibility criteria for each category is listed on the forms. Rebates begin at \$0.50 up to \$800 for certain items. To receive a rebate, the member must purchase a qualifying item, fill out the rebate form and return the form and documentation to the cooperative within three months of purchase or installation (this will be clarified on the form). Equipment must be installed within the cooperative's service territory and, in most cases, must be ENERGY STAR® rated.

"In collaboration with Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power supplier, Scenic Rivers offers rebates to members to help them use energy wisely. In modern households, nearly every outlet is being used. Between more efficient equipment and the rebates, it makes economic and environmental sense to go electric," said Ron Jentz.

Changes for the 2022 Electric\$ense® rebate program include:

- Smart power strips and flow restrictors for faucets and shower heads were removed
- Air-source heat pump rebates increased from \$250/ton to \$300/ton

If a member purchased one of the items above in 2021 and submits their rebate form and the required documentation within three months, they will receive the 2021 rebate. For example, a 75-gallon electric water heater purchased on Nov. 15, 2021, would



be eligible to receive the 2021 rebate (\$150) provided the correct documentation was submitted to the cooperative by Feb. 15, 2022.

While online, you may want to check out the Focus on Energy link (also under the Member Services tab). This link will take you directly to our partner Focus on Energy. Here you can order a free energy savings pack, shop online discounts and research energy saving upgrades. New this year, every participating member can get a free energy saving pack each year!

Electric\$ense® rebates information can be found www.sre.coop under the Member Services tab. Questions regarding Scenic River's rebate program or general energy efficiency questions can be directed to Ron Jentz at 800-236-2141 ext 563. ■



SREC 2022 Incentives



2022 incentive forms are available at the SREC office and online. Incentives issued while funds are available.
Additional terms & conditions on incentive forms; please read thoroughly before submitting.

Ag/Commercial/Industrial

Commercial vending machine controls	\$25
Circulation fan	\$1/inch
<36" diameter must be ≥18 lbs force/kW	
36"+ diameter must be ≥21 lbs force/kW	
Exhaust fan	\$1/inch
<36" diameter must be ≥18 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP	
36"+ diameter must be ≥21 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP	
Electric forklift battery charger (controlled)	\$200/each
Dairy plate cooler/well water pre-cooler	\$500/each
Dairy refrigeration heat recovery	\$300/each
electric back-up w/ controlled water heater	
Low/zero energy livestock waterer (≤500 watts, insulated tank)	\$50/each
Scroll refrigerant compressor (\$1,000 max.)	\$30/HP
Variable frequency drive (VFD) (\$1,000 max.)	\$30/HP
Custom rebates are available for agricultural and commercial accounts	

Appliances

Clothes dryer (electric)*	\$25/each
Clothes dryer (heat pump)	\$50/each
Clothes washer*	\$25/each
Dehumidifier*	\$25/each
Dishwasher*	\$25/each
Freezer (≥10 cubic ft.)*	\$25/each
Inductive Range	\$25/each
Refrigerator (≥10 cubic ft.)*	\$25/each
Recycling a working freezer, refrigerator or room air conditioner	\$25/unit

*Must be an ENERGY STAR appliance

Assessments / Audits

Audit recommended improvements (\$500 max.)	varies
Compressed air audit (\$500 max.)	varies



Miscellaneous

Electric vehicle (EV) charging station (controlled/capped at cost)	\$400/each
EV smart charger w/ integrated metering (controlled/capped at cost)	\$800/each

Heating & Cooling (HVAC)

New furnace with ECM blower motor	\$35/each
Variable speed motor (not multi-speed)** OR Eae ≤ 670 kWh/year**	
**Information shown on AHRI certificate	
Heat Pumps	
Air source & mini-split	\$300/ton
SEER 14+, HSPF 8.2+, or EER 11+	
Commercial air source & PTHPs	\$300/ton
<20 tons: EER 11+	
20 to <60 tons: EER 10.5+	
≥60 tons: EER 10+	
Geothermal	\$500/ton

Lighting

LED lamp (residential; 5 lamp min.)	\$0.50/lamp
LED lamp (non-residential; 5 lamp min.)	\$0.50/lamp
LED fixture (non-residential)	\$0.50 per 800 lumens
LED exit sign	\$5/sign
Occupancy sensor (does not incl. motion detector fixtures)	\$5/each

Water Heating

Heat pump water heater	\$600/each
Integrated (all-in-one) units; Uniform Energy Factor (UEF) 2.00+	
Solar storage water heater w/ electric auxiliary tank (75-99 gal.)	\$300/each
Solar storage water heater w/ electric auxiliary tank (100+ gal.)	\$600/each
Residential high-efficiency water heater	
75-99 gallons, UEF 0.88+	\$300/each
100+ gallons, UEF 0.88+	\$600/each
Commercial high-efficiency water heater	
75-99 gallons	\$300/each
100+ gallons	\$600/each

New Home

Incentive available through Touchstone Energy	\$500/each
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This year, give your household budget a gift by putting "saving energy" at the top of your list of New Year's resolutions. This is one resolution that's easy to keep, all year long!

January: Lower your thermostat just a few degrees during winter months to save as much as \$85 per year.

February: Adjust the temperature on your water heater to 120 degrees or lower.

March: Seal leaky ducts to stop air from escaping your home and money from escaping your wallet.

April: Caulk any cracks and openings to the outside and you could save more than \$200 a year.

May: Clean refrigerator to keep it operating more efficiently.

June: Replace the filter in your air conditioner to keep it operating efficiently.

July: Set your thermostat between 78 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit and save up to 8 percent on monthly cooling bills.

August: Unplug all of your electronic devices like computers, monitor, printers, and microwaves before you leave on vacation.

September: As the season changes turn your ceiling fans in a clockwise direction.

October: Insulate your attic. Adding nine or more inches of insulation could save you more than \$150 a year.

November: Pull up your window shades and open the blinds during the day to let the sun heat your home.

December: Put a new ENERGY STAR appliance at the top of your Christmas wish list. Upgrading appliances like washing machines to ENERGY STAR-rated models can save up to \$140 per year.

Vegetation Management

Zielie's Tree Service will continue working on the Mt. Zion substation in Crawford County during January.

It is important for SREC to maintain its rights-of-way for the following reasons:

- Accessibility for field crews, vehicles and equipment
- Fire prevention
- Reliable electric service
- Quality service with the reduction of outages and blinks
- Safety for workers and the public
- Meeting state and federal code requirements

On a daily basis, SREC employees and contractors are working throughout the area, at times on your property, to operate and maintain the electric system and our rights-of-ways. During this time, we especially appreciate your cooperation as we maintain social distancing between our essential staff and our members. **If you have questions, please contact Jay at jgardner@srec.net or call 800-236-2141 ext. 566.**



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Any questions or comments can be directed to Watt's Happening, Scenic Rivers Energy Cooperative, 231 North Sheridan, Lancaster, WI 53813 or telephone (608) 723-2121 or toll free 800-236-2141.

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