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Norris Electric Cooperative announces the release of four scholarships

Norris Electric Cooperative (NEC) is proud to announce that it will award three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to deserving students whose parents or legal guardians are served by NEC. Eligibility varies, but in general, overall academic achievement (such as GPA and ACT/SAT scores), extracurricular activities and community involvement rank high in the evaluation process. A brief written essay is required, and the applicant's primary residence must be in NEC's service territory.

NEC has also released funds for a fourth scholarship, named the Denise A. Pless Creative Arts Scholarship. This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to any student who chooses to major in communications, visual art, music, creative writing, film, photography, art history or art restoration.

The Denise A. Pless Creative Arts Scholarship was created in honor of the late Denise Pless. Denise served NEC for 14 years as the administrative assistant/communication coordinator.

Along with many other job duties, Denise took pride in heading up the cooperative's youth programs. She was passionate about teaching tomorrow's leaders, and this scholarship will allow her passion to live on and pave the way for students interested in the fields mentioned above.

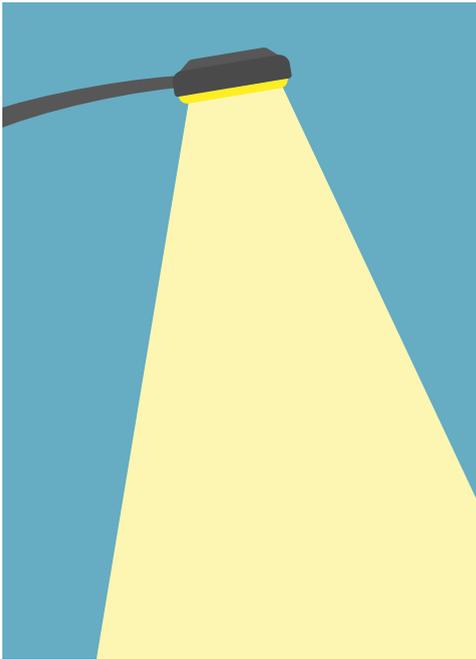
This scholarship is open to any high school senior whose parents or legal guardians are members of Norris Electric and who is planning to major in the creative arts. Scholarship applicants will be graded on grade point average, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, and a one-page essay describing how arts have positively influenced their lives. A sample of work that includes photographs, writing, videos, etc., is encouraged.

Denise's creative mind, outgoing personality and artistic touch will be forever missed, but NEC is grateful to see students continuing to benefit as a result of her efforts.



To apply for the four scholarships, please visit NEC's website at norriselectric.com/scholarships. For any questions or more information, please contact the office at 618-783-8765 ext. 134.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 1, 2024.



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.

Your vote counts!

This year, Norris Electric is having a director election, and your vote counts! Voting is one of the most important responsibilities we have as U.S. citizens and as electric cooperative members. Ballots will be mailed in January — please watch for them in your mail.

FOUR REASONS TO VOTE

IN CO-OP DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Electric co-ops are led by the members they serve, which means you have a say in who governs our co-op. Here are four reasons why you should participate in director elections.

- 1** As a member of the co-op, your input matters.
- 2** Directors represent you on important energy-related issues.
- 3** Directors' decisions can impact electricity rates and future projects.
- 4** With convenient voting options available, it only takes a minute.

Help shape our community's energy future by voting in the 2024 director elections





Start Safety Education Early

DO'S & DON'TS AROUND ELECTRICITY



Start discussions about electrical equipment and safety when children are young!

Here are some great safety lessons to teach:

DO



- Stay inside after a storm in case there are downed power lines.
- Place a cell phone on a bedside table, not on bedding or under a pillow.
- Find another tree to climb if an overhead power line is nearby.
- Fly kites, drones or other RC toys in an open area away from overhead power lines.

DO NOT



- Do not go near a downed power line.
- Do not use or set plugged-in items near water, including a sink, pool or bathtub.
- Do not go near or enter a substation to retrieve a toy or pet.
- Do not try to free an object that is stuck in a power line.

Learn other electrical safety tips at:

 Safe
Electricity.org®



Home Generator Systems

You cannot control Mother Nature and now would be a good time for you to purchase a standby generator. Norris Electric offers the Briggs & Stratton Home Generator System line of standby generators. Briggs & Stratton is one of the leading and most well-known names in small engines.

These units are available with transfer switches that automatically start the unit and transfer to standby power in the event of a power outage. When electric service is restored, the transfer switch switches back to utility power and shuts the generator down.

Many homes and small businesses have pumps, fans, computers and other equipment that require them to have a continuous supply of electric power. With a Briggs & Stratton Home

Generator System, you never have to worry about another power outage. With the automatic transfer features, you know your processes and equipment are always operating, even when you are gone.

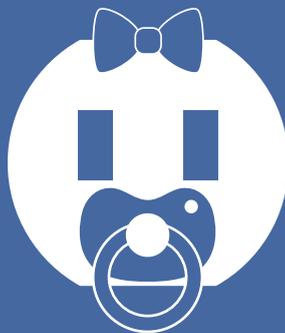
The Briggs & Stratton product line was chosen for its long history in the small engine business and its commitment to a quality line of products at reasonable prices.



If you are looking for a standby generator, you may contact Ambraw Power at 618-455-3548.

Safety Tip

Start discussions about electrical equipment and safety when children are young. When babyproofing your home, don't forget about potential electrical hazards. Learn child safety tips at SafeElectricity.org.



SafeElectricity.org



SAVE the DATE

Feb. 24, 2024

Norris Electric Cooperative will be hosting the 86th Annual Meeting of Members on Feb. 24, 2024. Come and spend time with your friends and neighbors and 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 don't want to miss it! Mark your calendars, and watch for more details in February's magazine.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During winter months, ensure your home is well sealed to reduce the need for excessive heating. Seal air leaks around your home and add insulation where needed to save up to 10% on annual energy bills.

Install weather stripping on exterior doors and apply caulk around windows. Check attic insulation levels and hire a qualified contractor if additional insulation is required.

Source: energystar.gov

