ROCK ENERGY NEWS



December 2024

What's Happening

December 21

Winter Begins

December 25

Christmas Day

January 1

New Year's Day



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APPLY TODAY!

Rock Energy Scholarships Available For HS Seniors

Application Deadline: JAN. 10, 2025

Rock Energy Cooperative again is offering scholarships of \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors who enroll at an accredited school. Students who live on REC lines and whose parents or guardians are active members of REC are eligible.

Our scholarship committee will judge applicants based on general merit, cooperation, leadership abilities, financial need, and class ranking.

Since 1989, Rock Energy has awarded more than \$182,000 in financial aid to deserving students. The online application is available at www.rock.coop. Go to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships. Or, you can just scan the QR code on this page. The deadline for submitting applications is:

Jan. 10, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonas Berberich at 866-752-4550, or **jonasb@rock.coop**.

IEC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In addition, scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded through the Thomas H. Moore Illinois Electric Cooperatives (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. These scholarships are available to high school seniors who are the sons or daughters of an Illinois electric cooperative member receiving service from the co-op. Applications must be completed on-line by **Dec. 31, 2024**.

To apply, go to **www.rock.coop** and then to the Community & Youth tab and click on Scholarships.



REMINDER: Unclaimed Money Held for Former Members

Utilizing unclaimed capital credits, Rock Energy Cooperative holds unclaimed capital credit funds for some former members. A list of those who have unclaimed money can be viewed on our website at www.rock.coop/unclaimed.

The money will be forfeited and paid to the Wisconsin Electric Cooperatives' Federated Youth Foundation for educational and community-improvement purposes unless claimed by **Dec. 31, 2024**. You may send claims to Rock Energy Cooperative's headquarters at P.O. Box 1758, Janesville, WI 53547, or call 866-752-4550.



Rock Energy Cooperative offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observance of Christmas, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Wednesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday. Members can make payments in the drop boxes at both offices throughout the holidays and at the payment kiosk outside our South Beloit office, 15229 Willowbrook Road. Even though our offices are closed, standby crews are available. If you need to report a power outage or natural gas incident, please call 866-752-4550.

Saving Energy This Holiday Season

The holiday season is generally a time for higher energy use, but there are plenty of ways to save. Here are some holiday energy-saving tips to help you and your family cut back on your energy use:

• Turn The Thermostat Down

Adjust your thermostat between 65 and 68 degrees. Invest in a smart thermostat that will automatically set the temperature where you want it.

Cook More Efficiently

Prep your meal so that items that bake at the same temperature can be cooked simultaneously. Also, cook in a crockpot instead of a stove if you can.

Buy LED Holiday String Lights

There are plenty of options for energy-efficient Christmas lights, like replacing your old incandescent ones with LEDs.

Limit Energy Use During High Usage Hours

Using electricity and natural gas more strategically can really save you money. Limit energy use (avoid turning on lights for example) during high usage times (usually 1 to 6 p.m.), as higher demand means higher prices.

Limit Christmas Light Use, Use a SMART Plug

Consider buying a smart plug and/or light timer so you can automatically turn your lights off when you need them off.

Usage & Consumption History

There are multiple different ways you can receive your usage/consumption history:

- SmartHub: Most usage/consumption history associated with your account can immediately be found using SmartHub. If you do not have a SmartHub account, you can sign up by going to www.rock.coop and clicking on the red SmartHub button.
- On-Line Request: If you would like to receive a history of your usage without using SmartHub, fill out the on-line form:
 <u>www.rock.coop/consumption-history-request</u>. To receive a summary or detailed history of your consumption history, please complete the form in its entirety and submit it online.
- Regular Mail or Drop Off: You can mail the filled out form

(on our web site) to:

Rock Energy Cooperative RE: Consumption History Request P.O. Box 1758 Janesville, WI 53547-1758

Or, you can drop off the completed form at one of our offices in Janesville (2815 Kennedy Rd.) or South Beloit (15229 Willowbrook Rd.).

NOTE: Historical usage will only be provided if available. The format of the information being provided will be determined by Rock Energy. Information will only be provided to the member whose consumption history is being requested. The information will not be provided solely to 3rd parties. Requests will be reviewed and processed on a first come first serve basis.