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## 2026 Sawnee Foundation Youth Scholarship Award Winners

The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation recently awarded scholarships to outstanding local high school seniors seeking to further their education. Below are the 2026 Youth Scholarship recipients who will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

### Alliance Academy for Innovation

Laura Yun

### Chattahoochee High School

Jonathan Ben-Senior  
Akhilesh Soni

### Chestatee High School

Chase Wendel

### Dawson County High School

Luke Danuser

### Denmark High School

Matea Jurca

### East Forsyth High School

Joshua Winters

### Forsyth Central High School

Isabella Gerborg  
Adam Godlewski

### Innovation Academy

Akshaj Dewan

### Lambert High School

Riya Shah

### North Forsyth High School

Carley Choates  
Kara Moffitt  
Delsin Rodriguez  
Likhitha Vutukuri

### South Forsyth High School

Brad Lin  
Spencer Tan

### West Forsyth High School

Sophia Joyce  
Cullen Sheffield  
Julian Yazzie

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

**For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."**

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.*

Congratulations to this year's Foundation Youth Scholarship winners. You can learn more about this program at [sawnee.coop/scholarships](http://sawnee.coop/scholarships).



Sawnee Electric Membership  
**FOUNDATION**

*The mission of the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation is to assist in strengthening the communities served by Sawnee EMC.*

# Sawnee EMC Committee on Nominations for the Board of Directors

Sawnee EMC is an electric cooperative governed by its Bylaws, its Charter, Georgia law, and the service rules and regulations established by the Board of Directors (Board). The Bylaws specify certain activities which are reserved only for **members of the Cooperative**; the election of the directors who serve on the Board is one such activity.

The Committee on Nominations (Committee), which serves a vital role in the affairs of the Cooperative, will soon be appointed by the Board. This Committee will receive input from the membership and determine, as provided for in the Bylaws, the name(s) to be placed before the membership, from those members who have met the necessary requirements, to seek the office of Director in the districts with expiring terms.

The Bylaws, in Article 4, Sections 4.02, 4.04, 4.05, and 4.09, outline the director election process, specifically as it relates to the Committee on Nominations. It provides for a separate process, outside of the Committee, known as the “Petition Process” and Information on this process may be found in Article 4, Section 4.09 of the Bylaws.

**For 2026, Sawnee has three (3) directorate districts with expiring terms, and they are:**

- **District #3 (Cumming);**
- **District #5 (Ducktown); and**
- **District #8 (Ocee)**



Sawnee EMC has developed a website to provide members with information about this year's director election activities and district meetings. Interested members should visit [sawnee.coop/elections](http://sawnee.coop/elections) to review the various items related to this year's activities.

If you have questions about the 2026 Committee on Nominations or the upcoming 2026 director election process, please contact the Office of the President and Chief Executive Officer by calling 770-887-2363, ext. 7387, or via email at [kristi.sheriff@sawnee.coop](mailto:kristi.sheriff@sawnee.coop).

# Notice of Assignment of Sawnee EMC 2025 Patronage Capital

As a non-profit electric cooperative, all money over-and-above operating expenses which Sawnee EMC receives from furnishing electric energy and ancillary services to its members, is assigned back to the members of record who provided it. These amounts are referred to in Sawnee EMCs Bylaws as “Patronage Capital”. These funds are used as equity and invested in the assets of the Cooperative – which includes poles, wire, transformers and other necessities to operate the Cooperative.

For fiscal year 2025, each member of record is hereby notified that they have received a Patronage Capital assignment equaling **4.0325%** of the amount they were

billed for electric service during 2025 for Sawnee EMC operations. Additionally, those members have also received an allocation from other cooperatives that furnished electric energy and ancillary services to Sawnee EMC in 2025 equaling **1.2952%** of the amount they were billed during 2025. Both assignments equal a total 2025 Patronage Capital assignment of **5.3277%** of a member’s billed electric service.

Each member may calculate the amount of assigned 2025 Patronage Capital by multiplying the total amount billed for electric service by Sawnee EMC in 2025, by the factors shown herein. (Sample calculations are shown below.)

### 2025 Patronage Capital Assignment

Member’s Total Assignment	Percentage	Examples of Amount Billed for Electric Service in 2025		
		\$500	\$1,000	\$1,500
	5.3277%	\$26.64	\$53.28	\$79.91

*Note: Actual assignment could vary slightly due to rounding and other factors.*

If you have any questions about the 2025 Patronage Capital assignment or this notice, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email [customerservice@sawnee.coop](mailto:customerservice@sawnee.coop) or chat at [sawnee.coop](https://www.sawnee.coop).



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An Electric Membership Corporation

**RATED #1**  
**BY THE PEOPLE THAT MATTER MOST –**  
**OUR MEMBERS**

Best in Customer Satisfaction with Residential Electric Service among Cooperatives, 3 out of 4 Years.

For J.D. Power 2025 award information, visit [jdpower.com/awards](https://www.jdpower.com/awards).

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Let us help with your energy upgrade. Visit [sawnee.com/rebates](http://sawnee.com/rebates) for more information.



## Here's WATTS Cookin' Creamy Italian Chicken

### Ingredients:

- 1½ - 2 pounds of boneless skinless chicken breast (about 4-6 breast pieces)
- 1 package Italian dressing mix
- ¼ cup water
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
- Fresh or canned mushrooms (optional)

### Directions:

Mix ¼ cup water with the dressing mix. Place the chicken (and mushrooms, if desired) in crockpot and pour the Italian dressing on top. Cook on low for 5-6 hours or high for 3-4 hours. Approximately 30 minutes before serving, mix the soup with the softened cream cheese and set aside. Shred the chicken with two forks and season as desired with salt and pepper to taste. Add the soup and cream cheese mixture to the shredded chicken and mix thoroughly. If needed, add ¼ to ½ cup of broth, milk or water to thin the mixture to the desired texture. Allow the mixture to heat thoroughly for 15-20 minutes before serving. Serve the tender chicken over cooked noodles or rice, and top with shredded mozzarella cheese, if desired.



👉 Thanks to Teresa McCory for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to [marketing@sawnee.coop](mailto:marketing@sawnee.coop).