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## Sawnee Electric Foundation Accepting Applications for 2025 Youth Scholarship Program



In the spring of 2025, the Sawnee Electric Foundation will be awarding scholarships\* to a number of students residing in Sawnee EMC's service area. Over the years, the Sawnee Electric Foundation has awarded **\$1,341,317** in scholarships to 292 local high school seniors within Sawnee EMC's seven-county service area. Scholarships are funded from abandoned patronage capital funds.

High school seniors, including public, private and home-schooled students, who currently live at a residence that is served by Sawnee EMC, may apply.

Applications are available on our website at [sawnee.coop/scholarships](http://sawnee.coop/scholarships). Students may also visit their high school counselor for an application. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025 to be considered.

For additional questions on this program, please contact Mandy Love, Director of Marketing, at 678-455-1579 or via email at [mandy.love@sawnee.coop](mailto:mandy.love@sawnee.coop).

*\*Certain restrictions and requirements apply.*

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

**Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses."**

— Ann Landers

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



## 2025 NRECA Washington Youth Tour

Once a year, high school student(s) are selected by Sawnee EMC to represent the Cooperative as a delegate on the NRECA Washington Youth Tour. This leadership experience includes a tour of our nation's capital as well as meeting with state and national leaders and leadership training. Participants join more than 1,400 other students from electric co-ops like Sawnee EMC across the nation for one incredible week in our nation's capital.

To be eligible, the student's permanent residence must receive its electrical service from Sawnee EMC. The student(s) must be at least 16 years of age by June 1, 2024.

The application and other program details can be found by visiting our website - [sawnee.coop/washington-youth-tour](https://sawnee.coop/washington-youth-tour).

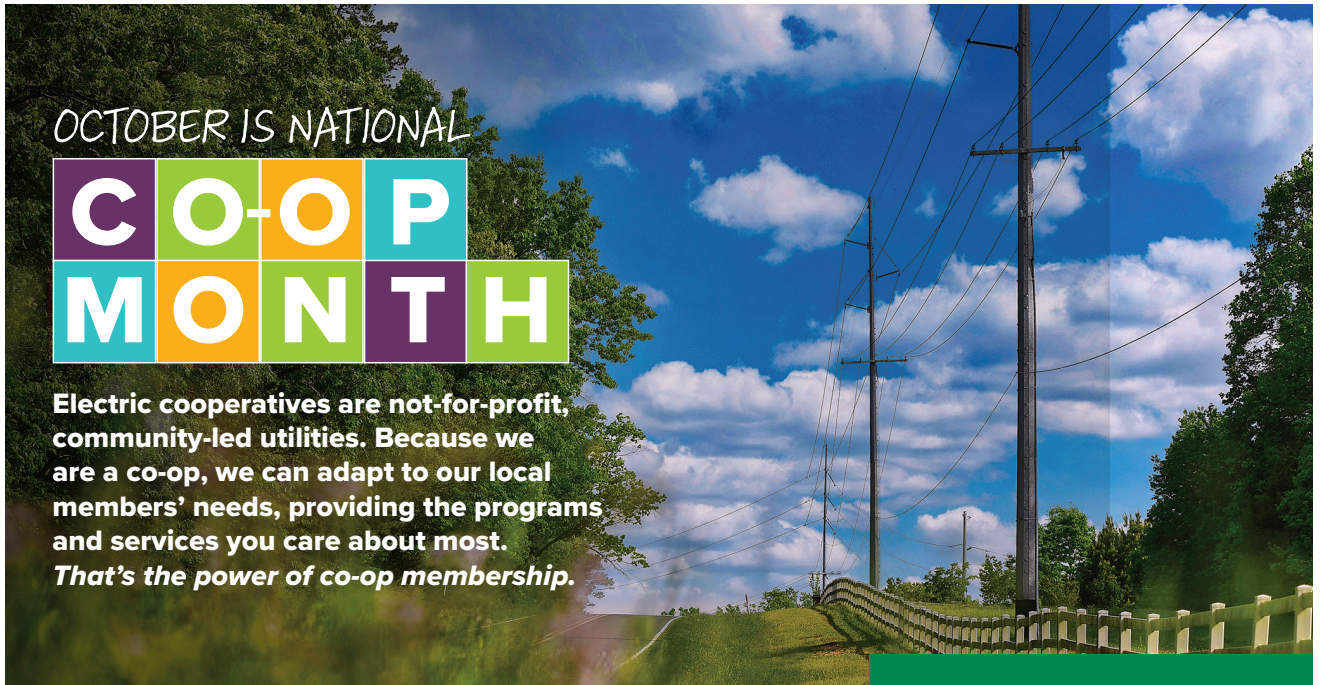
For more information, please contact Mandy Love, Director of Marketing, at 678-455-1579, or via email at [mandy.love@sawnee.coop](mailto:mandy.love@sawnee.coop).

*The completed application and all other required documents must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025.*



### Sawnee EMC Receives ACSI Award

*Sawnee EMC earned this award based on data modeled by the ACSI® in 2023. Award criteria are determined by the ACSI based on customers rating their satisfaction with Sawnee EMC in a survey independent of the syndicated ACSI Energy Utility Study. For more about the ACSI, visit [www.theacsi.org/badges](https://www.theacsi.org/badges). ACSI and its logo are registered trademarks of the American Customer Satisfaction Index LLC.*



October is National Co-op Month, and Sawnee EMC is excited to join cooperatives across the nation in celebrating this special occasion. Co-ops, regardless of their size or industry, share a common mission: to deliver valuable goods and services to their member-owners.

At Sawnee EMC, our focus is on harnessing the power of co-op membership to provide affordable, reliable energy tailored to our local communities, and our primary commitment is to you—our member. We have the unique flexibility, as a cooperative, to adapt and grow in response to our members evolving needs. Your satisfaction has always been, and will continue to be, our top priority.

What does being a member of a cooperative mean for you as a Sawnee EMC member? It means that you are more than just a customer. You are a vital part of a cooperative that values your input, prioritizes your needs, and is committed to community-focused growth and development.

As we celebrate National Co-op Month, remember that your membership is at the heart of our mission. We're committed to growing alongside you and ensuring that we always meet your needs, now and many years into the future.

## Did You Know?

**There are seven (7) cooperative principles that set co-ops apart from other businesses: voluntary and open membership; democratic member control; member's economic participation; autonomy and independence; education, training and information; cooperation among cooperatives; and concern for community.**



# Slaying Energy Vampires

Did you know that you might be sharing your home with energy vampires? This occurs when electronic devices continue to use electricity even when they aren't in use at the time. On average, these items can be responsible for up to 10% of the electricity you consume each month.

Sawnee EMC can help you drive a stake through the heart of these vampires, thus saving you energy and money. One way to identify energy vampires is to look for devices with remote controls (e.g. TVs, cable TV and audio equipment). Next target gaming consoles, computers, monitors, and printers, as well as chargers for cell phones, small DVD players, and laptops.

Did you know that chargers use energy even when they're not charging a device? An easy way to seal the coffin on energy vampires is to plug components of your computer or home entertainment system into a power strip. With a single flip of a switch, you can completely cut their use of power.

Ready to see what common household items are costing you? Visit our Energy Solutions Center at [sawnee.coop](http://sawnee.coop) to see how these common items can affect your energy consumption.

## Here's WATTS Cookin' Cranberry Chicken

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons honey

1 (16-oz.) can whole cranberry sauce

2 tablespoons orange juice

1 teaspoon grated orange peel

4 chicken breasts, boned, skinned

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375F. Mix honey, orange juice, orange peel, allspice and cranberry sauce in a small bowl. Clean and trim any fat from chicken. Place chicken in baking dish and pour 1/2 of mixture over it. Bake for 15 minutes, then turn chicken pieces over and pour remaining sauce over them. Continue baking another 30 to 35 minutes until done.



👉 Thanks to Paige Edwards 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).