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2026 Sawnee Electric Foundation Youth Scholarship Program & Washington Youth Tour

The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation and Sawnee EMC are proud supporters of education and youth leadership development in the communities Sawnee EMC serves.

The 2026 Washington Youth Tour and the 2026 Youth Scholarship Program are two (2) opportunities the Sawnee Electric Foundation is proud to offer to local youth.

Once a year, the Sawnee Electric Foundation supports the NRECA Washington Youth Tour, a weeklong experience. This year two (2) local area high school students will be selected to represent Sawnee EMC as a delegate on an in depth tour of our nation's capital, and learn about electric cooperatives. Delegates will also have opportunities to meet state and national leaders and participate in multiple leadership training exercises, along with visits to major historical sites in Washington D.C., all with a focus on electric co-ops.

The deadline to apply for the Washington Youth Tour is **5:00 pm on Friday, November 28, 2025**. To be considered, the student's permanent address must receive its electric service from Sawnee EMC, and the student must be 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2026.

The 2026 Sawnee Electric Foundation Youth Scholarship Program is available to high school seniors with a GPA of 2.0 or above, whose permanent residence receives electrical service from Sawnee EMC. Applications must be received by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2026**. Please note, close relatives of SEMC employees, SEMC Directors and Sawnee EMC CATF members are not eligible.

Application information for both of these great opportunities can be found at sawnee.coop/scholarships and sawnee.coop/washington-youth-tour.



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“QUOTABLE QUOTE

We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us."

— Joseph Campbell

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Plug-in Electric Vehicle Charging: The Basics



Sawnee EMC is your trusted energy provider, and when it comes to electric vehicle (EV) charging we offer a wealth of information to meet the needs of our members. Whether you have an EV or are considering purchasing one, below you will find information describing how different chargers operate. To view more information visit sawnee.coop/electric-vehicles.

Level 1 Charger – You can plug this charger directly into a 120 Volt outlet by using the cable (technically called the EV Supply Equipment or "EVSE") that typically comes with the vehicle. This form of charging uses the same electric outlet as your cell phone charger or coffee maker. This charging type would supply enough energy (~1.5 kW per hour) for up to a 40-mile commute if charged overnight.

Level 2 Charger – This charger uses the same 240 Volt outlet you might use in your home for an electric oven or clothes dryer. This charger gives the user the capability to charge at 7.6 kW / 11.5 kW or 19.2 kW per hour, and allows for faster home charging that can replenish hundreds of miles of range to your vehicle overnight, ensuring a full battery under most circumstances.

If you do not already have a 240 Volt outlet in an ideal

location for charging your vehicle, a qualified electrician can help you with the installation. They can determine if your home has sufficient capacity or if an upgrade of your electrical equipment is needed and will ensure work is done to meet the prevailing electrical code.

Level 3 Charger – This is the fastest EV charging option and supports rapid recharging on long distance trips. Most level 3 chargers are found along highways and high traffic areas.

Depending on your vehicle and the speed of the Level 3 charger, many EVs can regain hundreds of miles of range in as little as 20-30 minutes. However, if you have more time to charge while at home or at work, a level 1 or 2 charger usually offers the more cost effective option for EV charging.

Not sure which EV charger best fits your travel patterns and driving habits? Contact a member of our Energy Services team at 770-887-2363 or via email at Energy_Services@sawnee.coop to discuss EV charging, residential rate options and incentives that best meet your charging needs.

Sawnee EMC Offers Usage Notifications

Once logged into your Sawnee EMC SmartHub account, follow these screen selections.

Under the Settings menu,
> Manage Notifications
> Usage > Alert Type
> Usage Alert > Options

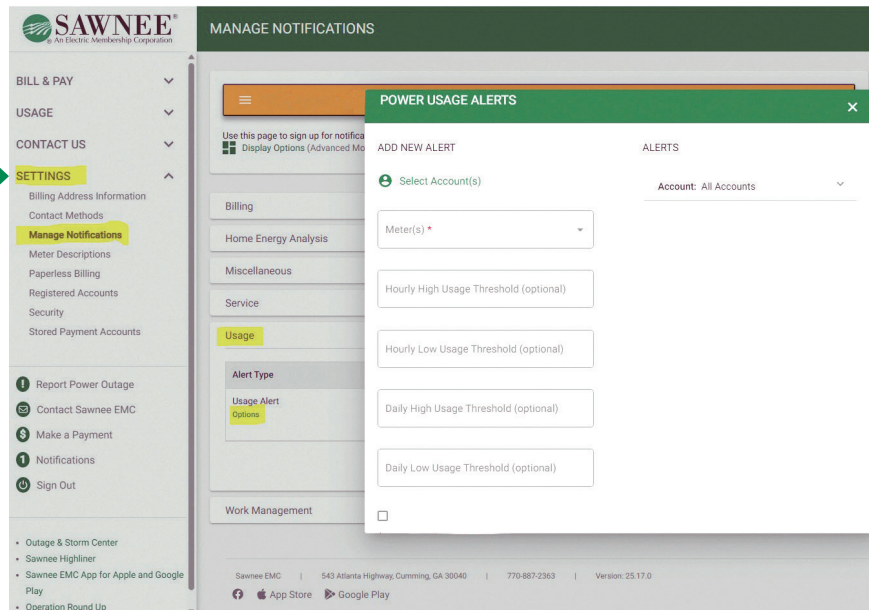
Sawnee EMC offers its members ways to monitor their energy usage throughout the billing cycle using the Sawnee EMC App or online at sawnee.coop.

You can find and set up “usage alert notifications” using our website or via our app by

logging onto your SmartHub account and selecting the following options under the Settings menu > Manage Notifications > Usage > Alert Type > Usage Alert > Options. From there, you may set notification alert thresholds to alert you throughout your billing cycle as you approach the energy consumption threshold you select.

When signing up for usage alerts, take time to review our [Usage Explorer Tool](#). It’s a great way to track and view your daily and hourly consumption patterns complete with outdoor temperatures and 13-month usage details.

If you have any questions about Usage Notifications, please contact our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, email customerservice@sawnee.coop or chat online at sawnee.coop.



RATED #1
BY THE PEOPLE
THAT MATTER
MOST —
OUR MEMBERS

**Best in Customer
Satisfaction with
Residential Electric
Service among
Cooperatives,
2 out of 3 years.**

For J.D. Power 2024 award
information, visit
jdpower.com/awards.

New Carlisle Road Bill Payment Kiosk Now Open!



Sawnee EMC is pleased to announce the opening of our new 24-hour bill payment kiosk in Dawson County, located at 590 Carlisle Road, Dawsonville, GA 30534.

This new bill payment kiosk accepts both cash and credit card payments. The kiosk will not accept checks, but members may pay via check at our Main Campus, located at 543 Atlanta Road, Cumming, GA 30040.

We are happy to offer this convenient and efficient payment location to our members.

For additional ways to pay your bill, receive account notifications and communicate with Sawnee EMC, download the Sawnee EMC app by searching "Sawnee EMC" on the Apple "App Store" or Android "Google Play Store" or visit us at sawnee.coop/account-access.

Here's WATTS Cookin' Scallops with Lime Cilantro Sauce

Ingredients:

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| 1 lbs. sea scallops, patted dry | 1/4 cup fresh lime juice |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | 1 tablespoon lime zest |
| 1 tablespoon butter | 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped |
| Salt and pepper to taste | 2 cloves minced garlic |

Ingredients:

Prepare the scallops: Pat the scallops dry with paper towels. This step is crucial for a good sear. Season both sides with salt and pepper. Sear the scallops: Heat the olive oil and butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Once the skillet is hot and the butter starts to foam, add the scallops in a single layer (do not overcrowd the pan). Sear for 2-3 minutes on each side until golden brown and just cooked through. Remove scallops and set aside on a plate.

Make the sauce: In the same skillet, reduce the heat to medium. Add the minced garlic and cook for about 30 seconds until fragrant. Stir in the lime juice and zest, scraping up any browned bits from the pan. Let the mixture simmer for 1-2 minutes. Turn off the heat and stir in the chopped cilantro.



👉 Thanks to Steve Brinkman 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.