

Applications Now Available

Both scholarship and Youth Tour opportunities are available to students whose parents are members of ECI REC. Read more about both programs at ecirec.coop.

WIN A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.



NEXT YOUTH TOUR • June 14-20, 2019

Want to spend a week in Washington, D.C., this summer—for free? Apply to attend the Youth Tour, made possible by ECI REC. We'll send two area juniors to this fun-filled week.

**APPLY BY WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 27.**



ECI REC offers \$1,000 scholarships to ten students to continue their education in any field, plus two additional \$1,000 scholarships for those pursuing a career as a lineman.

**APPLY BY WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 6.**

NEW YEAR MEANS NEW ECI REC REBATES

Get 2019 off to a great start by taking advantage of ECI REC's extensive rebate incentive program. We offer rebates for residential, commercial, and agricultural Cooperative members.

2019 RESIDENTIAL REBATES

Air-Source Heat Pump

- » Standard Air-Source Heat Pump: \$200/ton (including mini-splits)
- » Hybrid Air-Source Heat Pump: \$300/ton
- » ENERGY STAR® Bonus: \$250/unit (min. 1.5 ton, SEER 15.0, HSPF 8.5, EER 12.5)

Geothermal Heat Pump

- » Closed-Loop System: \$400/ton
- » Open-Loop System: \$300/ton (no "pump & dump" systems)
- » Unit Replacement: \$150/ton

ENERGY STAR Central Air Conditioning

- » ENERGY STAR-Qualified: \$100/unit (min. SEER 15.0 & EER 12.5)
- Limit two A/C rebates per account.

Indoor Air Quality

- » Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV): \$250/unit
- Limit two HRVs per account.

Heat Pump Water Heater

- » ENERGY STAR Integrated Unit: \$650/unit

High-Efficiency Electric Water Heater

- » Electric Storage Unit: \$75/unit (45–55 gal. tank ≥ 90% EF)
 - » Geothermal Assisted Storage Unit: \$150/unit (45–55 gal. tank ≥ 90% EF)
- Additional incentives may apply for first-time Heat Plus members.

Drain Water Heat Recovery Systems

- » Heat Recovery Pipe System: \$450/unit
- Not to exceed cost of system. Must have an electric water heater. Homemade systems are not eligible.

ENERGY STAR Appliances

ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer

- » Unit replacement, and water heater is electric: \$40/unit

ENERGY STAR Clothes Dryer

- » Unit replacement: \$20/unit

NEW! Electric Vehicle Chargers

- » Level II Charger (240/208 volt input supply) installation: 50% up to \$500
- Limit one rebate per account.

VISIT ECIREC.COOP TO SEE MORE WEATHERIZATION AND LIGHTING REBATES.

Please note: Additional qualifications apply to many of the rebates. Complete requirements can be found on the rebate forms, so it's wise to review these before you shop.

ECI REC Supports Energy Efficiency

Iowa's locally owned electric cooperatives have a long history of supporting energy efficiency; in fact, we've been offering cost-effective energy efficiency programs since the late 1980s. These programs include rebates and incentives for various energy-efficient products, such as ENERGY STAR® appliances, water heaters, LED lighting, and heating and cooling systems. East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative (ECI REC) also offers programs designed to reduce electric demand, such as our residential, agricultural, and commercial rebates and incentives.

Additionally, your electric cooperative continues to upgrade facilities to maximize efficiency, including more efficient transformers and upgrades to substations. Generating, transmitting, and distributing electricity more efficiently helps ECI REC manage costs more effectively, ultimately resulting in lower utility bills for our members.

Iowa's electric cooperatives work with other cooperatives to more effectively deliver energy efficiency programs to members. By partnering with other cooperatives, energy efficiency programs can be developed and delivered more effectively and at a lower cost than ECI REC could do alone.

Working together with other community-focused cooperatives, ECI REC assesses the costs and benefits of each program to determine what to offer to our members. Standardly, we perform four benefit-cost tests to determine the cost-effectiveness of the program. First, the participant cost test determines whether the program is cost-effective from the perspective of the participant in the program. Second, the utility cost test determines whether the program is cost-effective from the perspective of ECI REC. Third, the ratepayer impact cost test, also referred to as the RIM test, determines whether the program is cost-effective from the perspective of co-op members who do not participate in the program. Finally, the societal test determines whether the program is cost-effective from the perspective of society in general.

Ultimately, ECI REC invests in energy efficiency programs to benefit the communities we serve.

In 2016 your electric cooperative invested \$0.0019 per kWh, or 1.8% of its total revenue in energy efficiency programs.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about energy efficiency, please contact us at 319-443-4343 and ask to speak with a member service representative.



Co-op Connections® Site Gets a Boost

The Co-op Connections website has been re-energized with a new, more robust interface that puts members first.

To log into your re-vamped Co-op Connections account, visit www.connections.coop and enter the email address and password you originally registered with. This will take you to your account's new homepage. In the upper righthand corner, you'll find a My Account button that takes you to a personalized dashboard featuring your profile information, your history of savings and cash back, and your saved offers.

Back on the homepage, you'll find buttons that give easy access to:

- » Healthy savings, co-op deals, and national discounts
- » Online shopping platforms with cash back
- » Resources for booking hotels, concerts, and sporting events

If you do not have a Co-op Connections account, visit www.connections.coop. In the top right-hand corner, you'll find a Sign Up button that will take you through the steps of setting up your personalized dashboard. If you have questions, please call 877-850-4343 or email ecirec@ecirec.coop.



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