

Attention, High School Students!

Webinar series offers chance to win AirPods and \$1,000 college scholarships

The Iowa Youth Leadership Academy is a three-part webinar series open to high school students in the ECI REC service area who are interested in rural advocacy, electric cooperative career opportunities, and the cooperative business model! Each Zoom session will be around an hour and can be attended on the student's own computer or mobile device.

- » Thursday, Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m. – Cooperative Business Model
- » Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m. – Rural Iowa Advocacy
- » Thursday, Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m. – Civic Involvement and Leadership

At the end of each live session, one lucky attendee will be selected at random to win a pair of Apple AirPods. Students who attend all three sessions will be entered into a random drawing for two \$1,000 college scholarships. All students who register online by October 1 will receive a special box of cooperative goodies in the mail.



WANTED:
Rural Iowa
high school
students
who have a
passion for
leadership

Attend our webinar series in October for a chance to win Apple AirPods and a \$1,000 college scholarship!



Learn more at IowaYouthTour.com or contact ECI REC at 877-850-4343 or ecirec@ecirec.coop.

Program Offers Members a Helping Hand

East-Central Iowa REC members have the option of enrolling in the Helping Hand Reminder program. When the account of an enrolled member becomes delinquent, ECI REC notifies their designated contact person, who can then notify the enrolled member that their payment is due.

HOW TO ENROLL

- » Fill out the Helping Hand Reminder authorization form online by scanning the QR code or going to ecirec.coop, Account Services > Member Programs > Helping Hand Reminder.
- » Mail in the form to the right.



Members can withdraw from the program at any time by contacting an ECI REC member service representative at 877-850-4343.

Yes, I want to enroll in the Helping Hand Reminder program.

Member Name: _____

Member Account #: _____

Phone: _____ Other Contact Phone: _____

Name and address of person to be contacted in case the account becomes delinquent:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Member's Signature for Authorization:

Contact Person's Signature:

Mail form to: ECI REC | PO Box 248 | Urbana, IA 52345

Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place

Putting the wrong tree in the wrong spot can be a hazard ... especially to power lines.

Be safe if you plant trees this fall. Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

LARGE TREES	MEDIUM TREES	SMALL TREES
<p>Height/spread of more than 40 feet, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maple • Birch • Oak • Sweetgum • Spruce • Linden • Pine 	<p>Height/spread of 25 to 40 feet, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington hawthorn • Goldenrain tree • Eastern redbud • American arborvitae • Dogwood 	<p>Height/spread of no more than 25 feet, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Star magnolia • Crabapple • Lilac <p><i>Avoid planting within 20 feet of power lines. When planting within 20 feet is unavoidable, use only shrubs and small trees.</i></p>

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Source: The Arbor Day Foundation and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association



For more tips on smart tree planting in your community, contact your local electric cooperative or visit www.ArborDay.org.

Help Influence Energy Policy

Today more than ever, what is happening in Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, D.C., can impact your cost of power and its reliability. Through political action committees (PACs), members can support the campaigns of those officials who have shown themselves to be supportive of our goals. Because it is illegal for cooperative funds to be contributed to election campaigns, these PACs rely on donations from cooperative employees, directors, and members like you.

The two PACs members can consider donating to are the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE), which sends funds to candidates for federal elections, and the Friends of Rural Electrification (FORE), which supports candidates running for state office.

Sign up today by filling out the form below.

Yes, I will support ACRE and FORE.

- I will make a one-time contribution of \$_____. My check is enclosed. *Make checks payable to REC Transmittal Account.*
- I will contribute monthly. Please add \$_____ each month to my electric bill.

Name: _____

Member Account #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____


Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail form to: ACRE/FORE - ECI REC | PO Box 248 | Urbana, IA 52345-0248.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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Use SmartHub to pay for FREE online! Visa, Discover, American Express, and MasterCard accepted. While you're there, view your monthly usage data in helpful chart formats.