

2024 Iowa Youth Leadership Academy

Guided by our cooperative commitment to community, Iowa's electric cooperatives are pleased to once again offer a virtual opportunity for rural students to learn more about advocacy, electric co-op career opportunities, and the cooperative business model with a three-part webinar series on October 1, 17, and 24.

Once students register online for the Iowa Youth Leadership Academy, they can attend the webinars from their own computer or mobile device. Each Zoom session will last around 45–60 minutes and focus on a specific topic: the cooperative business model, rural Iowa advocacy, and 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 a \$1,000 college scholarship. All students who register online by October 1 will receive a special box of co-op 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



IT'S NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

For an emergency preparedness checklist, visit:



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 Services > Member Programs > Helping Hand Reminder.
- » Mail in the form below.



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.



America's Electric Cooperatives | PAC
Make Rural Voices Heard

America's Electric Cooperatives is the non-partisan political action committee (PAC) of the NRECA. With nearly 35,000 donors who contribute, this PAC supports political candidates who support issues important to electric co-ops.

America's Electric Cooperatives PAC allows electric co-ops to financially support federal candidates through personal dollars raised from co-op leaders and member-consumers. Your PAC contribution builds on our collective strength, which is grounded in the relationships between local electric co-ops, the communities they serve, and the candidates seeking to represent them.

For just a small amount a month, you can be sure your voice is heard in Washington, D.C. For more information on how to join, simply visit **cooperative.com/pacdonation** or complete and return the form below.

Contributions to the NRECA America's Electric Cooperatives PAC are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Contributions to America's Electric Cooperatives PAC are voluntary and will be used for political purposes. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. Federal law prohibits contributions from foreign nationals who lack permanent resident status. Any contribution guidelines presented are merely suggestions. You are free to contribute more or less than the suggested amounts, or not at all. The NRECA will not favor or disadvantage anyone by reason of the amount contributed or a decision not to contribute. For more information on the PAC, please contact your local cooperative or the NRECA PAC team at 703-907-5799 or by email at pacteam@nreca.coop.

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 • Golden rain 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>

Be safe! Always call 811 before you dig to locate any buried utility lines.

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.

YES, I will support America's Electric Cooperatives PAC.

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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Account #: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



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