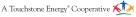
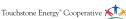
# **POWERNotes**







#### **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.



Want to spend a week in Washington, D.C., this summerfor 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 26.



**High School** Seniors: Bank **Bucks for** College

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 lineworker.

**APPLY BY** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.



### STUFF YOUR POCKETS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. Use your card and save.

Support these local businesses by using your Co-op Connections® Card.

Emmy Lou Candles | Polar Blair's Den | Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse | Cy & Charley's Tire & Appliances | E & T NAPA Auto Parts | Fabulous Fridays | Heartland Acres Agribition Center | In the Country Garden & Gifts | Michael & Dowd | Office Towne, Inc. | Okoboji Grill | Styles Unlimited | Berry's Lanes, Inc. | Cameron Clothing Company | Clingman Pharmacy, Inc. | Frazier Nursery | Henkle Creek Mercantile | Subway | Viking Sewing Center | The NEWS/ **Buchanan County Review** 

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Save money this holiday season using ECI REC's Co-op Connections Card. After the feasting is done, take advantage of cash back online shopping and local discounts for all your gift-buying needs.

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#### Make Holidays Happy With Power Boost Gift Certificates from ECI REC

Giving the gift of electricity may not be at the top of your list of ideas this holiday season, but it may be the perfect fit. Having a winter heating bill covered or partially covered could be a great, unexpected surprise for a friend or family member, and it's easy

to do. Simply visit www.ecirec.coop, mouse over Your Electric Bill, Member Programs, and choose Power Boost Gift Certificate to locate the form. Both check and credit card payments are accepted. You may also access the form by scanning the QR code.



#### Power Boost Gift Certificate

Complete the form below and return with your payment to: ECI REC | PO Box 248 | Urbana, IA 52345

ECI REC's payment received stamp goes here. Credit is VOID if stamp is not present.

#### **Gift Giver Information**

Your Name:

Your Address:			
City:		_State:	Zip:
Your Email Address:			
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□ Enclosed is my check for Make check payable to East	-Central Iowa REC.		
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## Help Us Find These Former Members

In May, the Board of Directors of East-Central lowa Rural Electric Cooperative voted to retire \$568,048 in patronage back to its members. These margins—100% (\$468,048) of its 2004 margins and 10.77% (\$100,000) of its 2015 margins—were credited to current members on their June bills. Former members were sent checks. The 90-day window to cash these checks has now passed, and the people listed below have not yet cashed their checks. These dividends will be forfeited to the Cooperative if not claimed within one (1) year.

A list of names is available at ecirec. coop under News and Events, or you can scan the QR code below. If you know someone listed, please contact that person, or his or her next of kin, and ask them to contact our office at 877-850-4343. Please do not contact ECI REC, unless you have the neces-

sary documentation for the member listed. This list was current at the time of this printing.



Patronage represents the margins, or profits, that the Cooperative earns on electricity purchased by its member accounts. These margins are the member accounts' equity in East-Central lowa REC. The Cooperative uses this equity to maintain its poles and wires, rebuild its distribution system, and pay expenses. When ECI REC's financial condition allows, these margins are returned back to the members who generated them. In the past 10 years, ECI REC has returned \$5,504,061 to its members.

#### **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**



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