



**MORE SAVINGS.  
MORE MEMORIES.**

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Save money this holiday season using ECI REC's Co-op Connections® Card. Get cash back when shopping online and local discounts (our participants are listed below) for all your gift-buying needs.

- 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
- Okoboji Grill
- Michael & Dowd
- Office Towne, Inc.
- 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

## Where Are They? Help Us Find These Members








In May, the Board of Directors of East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative voted to retire \$565,413 in patronage back to its members. These margins—100% (\$465,413) of its 2005 margins and 11.75% (\$100,000) of its 2016 margins—were credited to current members on their June bills. Some members, including former members, were sent checks. The 90-day window to cash these checks has now passed, and we have a list of people who have not yet cashed their checks. These dividends will be forfeited to the Cooperative if not claimed within one (1) year.

The list of names is available at [ecirec.coop](http://ecirec.coop) under News & Events on the home page, or you can scan the QR code below. If you know of someone listed, please contact that person, or their next of kin, and ask them to contact our office. ECI REC will require personal identification and/or legal documentation from these people to confirm their membership before dividends can be claimed. Please do not contact ECI REC unless you have the necessary 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 Iowa 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 \$5,569,475 to its members.*

## ONLINE RESOURCES FROM YOUR COOPERATIVE

 <p><b>WEBSITE</b></p> <p>Visit the ECI REC website at <a href="http://ecirec.coop">ecirec.coop</a> to access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resources on billing and electrical services</li><li>Power outage information, including a real-time map</li><li>Energy-saving tips and rebates</li><li>Newsletters and bill inserts</li><li>And much more</li></ul>	 <p><b>ONLINE ACCOUNT ACCESS</b></p> <p>Manage your account right from your computer or device with SmartHub. Download the secure app for free or go to <a href="http://ecirec.smarthub.coop">ecirec.smarthub.coop</a> to register and log into the SmartHub website. With SmartHub, you can access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daily and monthly power use graphs</li><li>Online bill payment</li><li>Electric account management tools</li></ul>	 <p><b>FORMS</b></p> <p>ECI REC offers a whole host of PDFs online for members to make it easy to sign up for various programs and services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scholarships and Youth Tour</li><li>Rebates for heating/cooling, water heaters, and weatherization.</li><li>RECare and the Helping Hand Reminder</li></ul>	 <p><b>OUTAGE MAP</b></p> <p>View real-time power outages on our website, <a href="http://ecirec.coop">ecirec.coop</a>. Please call 877-850-4343 to report an outage or with questions concerning outages. Members can click on their township to get an estimate of the number of members experiencing an outage in that area.</p>	 <p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b></p> <p>Stay up to date with ECI REC by liking the Cooperative on Facebook. You'll find outage information, energy-saving tips, pictures, co-op news, and updates on legislative efforts—just to name a few things!</p>
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# Give the Gift of Electricity With a Power Boost Gift Certificate 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 fill out the form below or online at [ecirec.coop/power-boost-gift-certificate](http://ecirec.coop/power-boost-gift-certificate). Both check and credit card payments are accepted. You may also access the form by scanning the QR code.



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## 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 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Gift (\$5 minimum): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for the above amount. *Make check payable to East-Central Iowa REC.*

Please bill my credit card (circle one): VISA MasterCard Discover

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

..... The below will be sent to the recipient .....

### You've been given a gift!

\_\_\_\_\_ (giver's name) has given you a credit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on your ECI REC electric account.

### Recipient's Information

Recipient's Name(s): *Person's name receiving the credit to their electric bill.* \_\_\_\_\_

Account # (if available) or Recipient's Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# Proud to Support Our Youth!

## High School Seniors: Bank Bucks for College

### ECI REC Scholarship Program

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 3.**



## It's Back! Apply Now for 2021 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

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.

There will be two Youth Tour sessions this year to allow for safety during the pandemic. Iowa cooperatives will participate in the June 21–26 Youth Tour session. The NRECA anticipates most sites will be open by next summer.

**APPLY BY  
WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 24.**



*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](http://ecirec.coop).*

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Your Co-op Connections® Card offers you Healthy Savings and local and national deals. Use your card to start saving today! Questions? Email [coopconnections@ecirec.coop](mailto:coopconnections@ecirec.coop).



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