Attention Students and Parents!

Sophomores and Juniors Win a free trip to Washington D.C.

Area sophomores and juniors have an opportunity to win an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. Students will travel with others from around Minnesota and the country as they visit the sites in and around our nation’s capital. Over 1,500 delegates from electric cooperatives around the country visited Washington D.C. in 2017. The students visited with their congressional representatives, toured famous museums and made memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Don’t miss this opportunity to make lifetime memories.

1. To enter the contest the student must live within the South Central Electric service area or attend one of the following schools: Butterfield/Odin, Comfrey, Madelia, Martin County West, Mt. Lake, Red Rock Central, St. James, Truman, Win-dom Area or Westbrook.

2. Each contestant must submit a contest application form and an essay on the following topic: “How are electric cooperatives different from other electric utilities?”

3. Applications are due at our St. James office by March 16, 2018 and the applicant must complete a personal interview on March 21, 2018.

Prizes


(No substitute prize if unable to make the trip.)

2nd $150 cash award and will serve as first alternate.

3rd $100 cash award and will serve as second alternate.

Contest rules and application forms are available at our St. James office, on our web site www.southcen-tralelectric.com or by calling 507-375-3164.

Seniors and College Students

$1,000 Scholarship Available to SCEA Member Dependents Application Deadline is February 9, 2018

South Central Electric is honored to partner with Basin Electric to award a $1,000 scholarship to a dependent of a South Central Electric member. The scholarship is available to high school seniors and college students enrolled full-time in an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational/technical school working on an undergraduate or master’s degree. These applicants are also eligible for scholarships through South Central Electric’s Operation Round Up® program.

The scholarship deadline is February 9, 2018.

Applications can be obtained at our St. James office, on our web site www.southcentralelectric.com or by calling 507-375-3164.
Multiple Choice Payment Options

South Central Electric offers new options to pay your monthly bill. We’ve added on-line billing, credit card payments via phone and apps that allow members to use their smart phones. We haven’t gotten rid of any of our traditional options; mailing your payment, automatic withdrawal or dropping off payments at our St. James office. Whether it is paying on-line or stopping by our office, we’ve got payment options to meet your preference.

ONLINE PAYMENT AND BILLING WITH SMARTHUB

Members can now pay their bills on-line with South Central Electric’s new on-line bill payment system; SmartHub. You can even download the SmartHub app for your mobile device or tablet.

To get started visit our web site southcentralelectric.com and click on the SmartHub logo. Once you are at the SmartHub site you’ll have to sign up as a first time user by clicking the "New User" link and follow the prompts.

Once you’re signed up, you can:
- Pay your bill immediately with a secure on-line payment.
- View monthly electric usage and history.
- Manage account information and track payment history from mobile devices or the web.
- Submit meter readings.
- Receive emails regarding bills.
- Sign up for automatic payments.

For your mobile device or tablet download the free "SmartHub" app from the APP Store or Google Play.

AUTOMATIC BILL PAYMENT

Members have two automatic payment options:
1. Sign up for auto pay through SmartHub.
2. E-Z Pay Automatic Bank Payments. The form is available on our web site or we can mail a form to you.

PAY-BY-PHONE CALL   1-844-209-7160

Before you call you need your South Central Electric account number.

This automated system complies with the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Data Security Standard Compliance. These worldwide requirements are designed to help companies that process such payments prevent credit card fraud through increased data controls.

■ If you want to make a payment on your bill over the phone using a credit/debit card or check, you must call the above number.
■ The system is automated and all of your personal information, such as card number and payment amount, will be entered by you.
■ At any time, you may hang up and this will discontinue the phone call.
■ There is no additional fee for this service.

If paying by check you will need to create a PIN number BEFORE you can make a payment with a check.

After dialing, you will go to the main menu. You will be prompted to press numbers for the actions you wish to complete. These options include: 1) making a payment and checking account status, 2) update phone number, 3) create or update your PIN number, 4) Edit or cancel bank draft information, 5) enter meter reading.

IN PERSON

Bring your payment to our office in St. James at 71176 Tiell Dr. (We do not accept credit cards at our office. Cash or check only accepted at our office.)

Office Hours:
7:00am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday, May 1 to September 30
8:00am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday, October 1 to April 30.

Payment Drop Box Located at St. James Office
Drop payments in the drive-up payment box or payment slot on the corner of our building. You can drop your payment off any time.

BY MAIL

Simply enclose your check or money order along with the return stub from your bill. Please mail your monthly payment to:
South Central Electric Association
P.O. Box 150
St. James, MN 56081
Recipient must be a South Central Electric member. Any checks or credits will be made in the name or account of the member. The program will end when funds are exhausted; additional rebates may be added at a later date. The completed applications will be processed on a first come first served basis as they are received in our office. Rebates may be limited to a total of $10,000 per year per member. Rebate applications can be requested by calling the St. James office or available on line at www.southcentralelectric.com.

### Appliance Rebates: Please see rebate applications for details, MUST BE AN ENERGY STAR® APPLIANCE TO QUALIFY.

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### Air Source Heat Pumps - Quality Install:

| SEER 14.5 or greater | $500.00                          |
| SEER 13              | $100.00                           |

### Central Air Conditioner - Quality Install:

| SEER 14.5 or greater | $50.00                          |
| SEER 13              | $100.00                           |

**Non quality install air conditioners or heat pumps will be rebated at 50% of quality install rebate.**

- **Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat** $15.00
- **Ductless Heat Pump** $500.00
- **Ground Source Heat Pump** $400.00/ton
- **ECM Furnace Motors** $25.00
- **Room Air Conditioner** $15.00
- **Air Conditioner Tune Up** $25.00
- **LED light fixtures (home)** $2.00/each (Limit 15 per member/year)
- **Holiday LED light strings** $2.00/each (Limit 15 per member/year)

### Commercial and Industrial Rebates:

Rebates are available on a case by case basis. Rebates can be for lighting upgrades and efficient electric motor upgrades. Call SCEA for information on these rebates.

- **Lock in a portion of your kWh purchase price by participating in the South Central Electric Community Solar program. Members can lock in a $.13/kWh rate today and it remains at $.13kWh until December 31, 2037. Put the freeze on a portion of your kWh costs.**

**Are you interested?**

Contact Jim Haler at 507-375-3164 or jhaler@southcentralelectric.com

Get More Information on our Web Site southcentralelectric.com

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**Concerned about rising electric rates? Consider our Community Solar Program!**

South Central Electric Community Solar, the worry-free solar option!

- ✴ No Maintenance.
- ✴ Nothing installed at your home.
- ✴ From your member owned electric cooperative.
New St. James Substation Energized

The new St. James substation was energized in October. The new substation replaced one of South Central Electric’s oldest substations built in 1963. The new substation will improve safety, capacity and reliability. The sites of the new & old substations are just west of St. James on 350th Street. The old substation has already been removed.

The Best Gadgets are ELECTRIC!

Jim Haler, Member Services Manager

Have you noticed the coolest gadgets around the house are electric? It’s not just smartphones and tablets, but useful household products. We’re talking robot vacuum cleaners, air fryers, new and improved electric grills and more. You name the chore and there is likely an electric device to help. Stuff that was once only found on late night infomercials are now main stream. Maybe you can blame it on the internet and people’s ability to learn about new products faster than ever. Maybe it’s the big box stores and their seemingly endless rows of shelf space to fill. No matter the cause there is no doubt that where there is a need, some ingenious sole is working on an electric solution.

My own family is doing our best to benefit from the vast assortment of gadgets. I recently purchased an electric air fryer. Basically, it is a small table top convection oven. Other family members are proud owners of a robot vacuum to help keep up with a shedding pet. My dad is all excited about trying his cooking skills on his new George Foreman Grill with Panini press with deep dish pan and waffle plates (this is not an endorsement). From rice cookers, pizza ovens to single induction cook tops, you could replace your oven and stove top with an electric gadget to meet a specific or general need. It makes you wonder, will future kitchens even have a stove or just storage and counter space for all your gadgets?

The challenge today is having enough outlets and space to store all these fancy gadgets. One thing you don’t need to worry about is electricity. Rest assured South Central Electric will be here to provide electricity to make your life easier. It’s why we were formed by our founding members in the first place. At that time they were looking for the simple things in life, things we don’t even think about today. They wanted light without burning candles or lanterns, electric pumps so they didn’t have to pump water by hand, motors to ease the burden of farm chores, radios for entertainment & news, fans to stay cool and an electric refrigerator so they didn’t have to store blocks of ice. We’ve come a long way from just wanting to energize a light bulb to an app controlled electric sous vide cooker.

Yes, it’s out there.