



January 2024

## South Central Electric Association Trust Supports Local Communities with \$13,694 in Grants

The South Central Electric Association Trust awarded \$13,694 in funding to community organizations in their fall round of grants. South Central Electric received applications requesting funding from the Operation Round Up® program.

Since beginning the program in 2015 the South Central Electric Association Trust has awarded over \$140,000 in grants and scholarships.

Foster-Bernhardt Post 373 .....	\$300
Madelia Food Shelf .....	\$500
CREST Fairmont.....	\$1,500
Trimont United Women of Faith .....	\$700
Cottonwood County 4-H .....	\$4,000
Sherburn Fire Department .....	\$2,000
Mt. Lake Public School.....	\$1,329
Country Quilty Ladies .....	\$1,365



Volunteers for the Madelia Food Shelf received a \$500 check from the South Central Electric Association Trust.

The Cottonwood County 4-H received \$4,000 from the South Central Electric Trust for paint and repairs of their Cottonwood County fairgrounds foodstand building.



Tyler Sinn accepted a check for the Sherburn Fire Department. The South Central Electric Trust awarded the fire department \$2,000 to purchase a battery operated positive pressure fan.

# South Central Electric Association DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

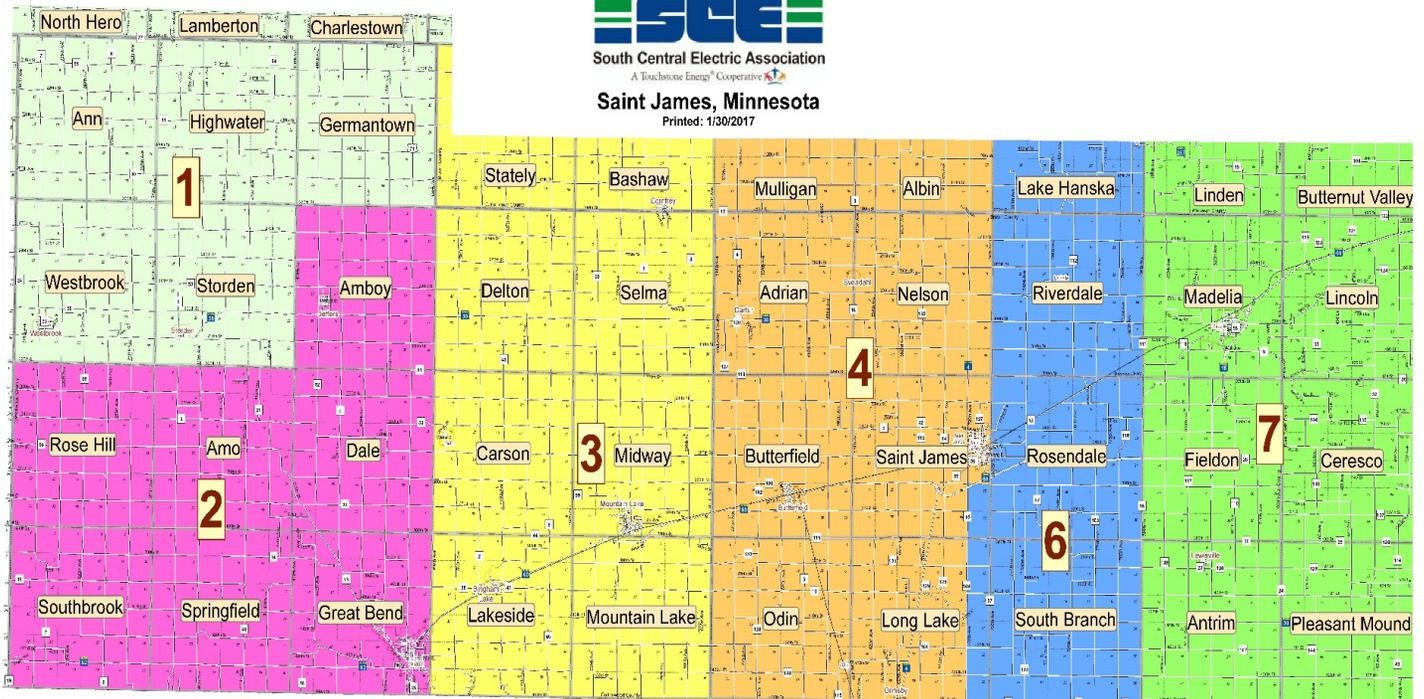
The South Central Electric Association Annual Meeting will be held at 6:30pm on April 2, 2024 at the Windom Community Center. The call for nominations of Directors is the first step in the Annual Meeting process. This is only for Director nominations. Official annual meeting notice and ballots will be mailed directly to members.

At this time South Central Electric Association is conducting the nomination process for Directors. There are two Directors up for election.

**District 5 currently held by Mark Sandberg**

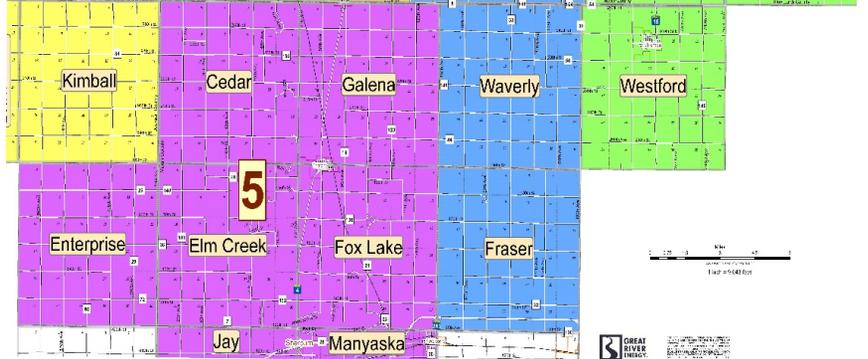
**District 6 currently held by Brad Asendorf**

To be an eligible candidate for Directorship, the member must reside within the district up for nomination. In addition, an eligible candidate cannot be employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy, or supplies to the Cooperative. Please nominate serious candidates. Candidates must be able to meet the requirements of being a Director.



## District - Director

- DISTRICT 1 - BRENT IMKER
- DISTRICT 2 - RON JORGENSON
- DISTRICT 3 - MATT PETERS
- DISTRICT 4 - MIKE MIEST
- DISTRICT 5 - MARK SANDBERG\*
- DISTRICT 6 - BRAD ASENDORF\*
- DISTRICT 7 - BILL KUNZ



**If you wish to nominate someone for the South Central Electric Association Board of Directors, please use the nomination form below.**

**Return this form before 3:30 p.m. February 2, 2024 by mail to South Central Electric, P.O. Box 150, St. James, MN 56081 or return it to our St. James office in person.**

*Only current members can nominate members for director.*

**South Central Electric Association Director Nomination Form**

1. To nominate a member to serve as a Director, you must be a current member of South Central Electric Association.
2. The nominee must be a current member and live within the District up for election.
3. The nominee must be willing to serve as a Director and fulfill the obligations of Directorship.

**This is for nomination only. This is not a ballot for election.**

**Directorship DISTRICT 5 currently held by MARK SANDBERG**

District 5 is Cedar, Galena, Enterprise, Elm Creek, Fox Lake, Jay and Manyaska townships.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Directorship DISTRICT 6 currently held by BRAD ASENDORF**

District 6 is Lake Hanska, Riverdale, Rosendale, South Branch, Waverly, Fraser, St. James (sections 25 & 36) and Long Lake (sections 1,12,13,24,25 & 36).

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Person making nomination:**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*This nomination form must be received by South Central Electric Association by 3:30pm on February 2, 2024. Return this form by mail to South Central Electric, P.O. Box 150, St. James, MN 56081 or return it to our office. All nominations will be verified for eligibility before being placed on a ballot for election. Form must include name, address and signature of person making nomination.*

## SCEA WATER HEATER PROGRAM

SCEA's peak shave water heater program provides members with a Marathon water heater at a discounted price for participating in the load management program.

The cost for water heaters is \$750. This is a great value for members. SCEA pays the cost of the electrician to wire the water heater and radio control. The member would pay any costs incurred by a plumber.



# 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 2023. 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, Windom Area or Westbrook.
2. Each contestant must submit a contest application form and an essay on the following topic: **"How do you and your family benefit from electricity?"** 
3. Applications are due at our St. James office by February 29, 2024 and the applicant must complete a personal interview on March 13, 2024. Interview times are between 4pm and 6pm. 

### Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> All-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 18-23, 2024  
*(No substitute prize if unable to make the trip.)* 
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150 cash award and will serve as first alternate.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100 cash award and will serve as second alternate. 

Contest rules and application forms are available at our St. James office, on our website ([www.southcentralelectric.com](http://www.southcentralelectric.com)) or by calling 507-375-3164.

Learn more at the national Youth Tour website: [youthtour.coop](http://youthtour.coop) or check out the Minnesota Youth Tour Facebook page *Minnesota Rural Electric Association Washington D.C. Youth Tour.*



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Brent Imker, Director  
Mark Sandberg, Director  
Bill Kunz, Director

The Board meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at South Central Electric's building at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James, MN.

Please see our website for a summary of the board meetings.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors and College Students  
\$1,000 Scholarship Available  
to SCEA Member Dependents

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

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 24, 2024. Applications can be obtained at our St. James office, on our website ([www.southcentralelectric.com](http://www.southcentralelectric.com)) or by calling 507-375-3164.

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