



June 2025

# Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> Supports Our Community



The South Central Electric Association Trust Board awarded \$11,450 in scholarships and local organization grants. The Trust Board receives many requests for each round of funding. They set aside funds for scholarships for our area students. Funds are received by the South Central Electric Trust through the Operation Round Up<sup>®</sup> program that rounds up member bills. Funds are used to support local organizations and scholarships. Applications for grants are taken each Spring and Fall.

## Organizations receiving funds this Spring

Mt. Lake Schools.....	\$1,000
<b>Jeffers Senior Citizens.....</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Lewisville Ambulance.....	\$2,000
Truman Community Pool .....	\$1,000
<b>St. James Fire Department.....</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Trimont United Women.....	\$500
Railroad Days Special Needs Run .....	\$100
Rebuilding Together Cottonwood County.....	\$1,000
Windom Area Youth Football.....	\$1,000
Quilts for the area needy and food shelf .....	\$600



*The Jeffers Senior Citizens received a \$1,000 grant for new chairs and tables at the Senior Center.*

*The St. James Fire Department received a \$1,000 grant to replace rechargeable batteries in the fire department's radios.*

# Operation Round Up® Scholarships Awarded to Area Students

The South Central Electric Association Trust awarded nine scholarships to area students from the Operation Round Up® program. South Central Electric collects scholarship applications for the \$1,000 Basin Scholarship and uses those applications for the Operation Round Up® program.



## Area Students Awarded \$250 Scholarships



**Emily Anderson,**  
Martin County West



**Anna Byers,**  
Westbrook Walnut  
Grove



**Ella Klunder,**  
Fairmont High School



**EllieRose Nelson,**  
Martin County West



**Avery Sanders,**  
Martin County West



**Macy Smith,**  
Fairmont High School



**Alyx Stahl,** Martin  
County West

**Jacob Wilmes,**  
Martin County West  
*\*\* Not Pictured\*\**

**Briley Henderson,**  
Minnesota Valley  
Lutheran  
*\*\* Not Pictured\*\**



## Building or Upgrade Projects: Contact Us Early

Will you have a building or an upgrade project that needs electric service upgrades or installation? Please contact us early so we can have the materials needed for your project. If you have a new electric service installed, the minimum monthly facility charge will be billed once we complete work, regardless of whether it is energized or not.



# 2025 REBATE PROGRAMS

The 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. Rebate applications can be requested by calling the St. James office or available online at [www.southcentralelectric.com](http://www.southcentralelectric.com).

## REBATES:

Please see rebate applications for details.



*Must be an Energy Star® appliance to qualify.*

- Dehumidifier** ..... **\$20** Credit applied to the energy bill
- Air Source Heat Pumps (ducted)** ..... **\$300** HSPF rating over 9.5 **\$500**
- Ductless/Mini-Split Heat Pump**..... **\$350**
- Ground Source Heat Pump**..... **\$300/ton** (*Limit 10 tons*)
- Air Conditioner Tune Up**..... **\$30**
- Managed Electric Heat**..... **\$20/kW**  
Radio controlled, qualifies for a discount of **\$.031/kWh** on system usage.  
Stored or dual fuel heat. Heat pumps are not eligible for this program.
- LED Yard Light**..... **\$25/ea.** limit 3

## COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REBATES:

Rebates are available on a custom basis. Rebates will be based on kW reduction on retrofit projects. To be eligible for a rebate the project must have a minimum savings of 1kW. We do not have rebate programs for new construction. Call SCEA for information on these rebates.

## 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.



## ONLINE PAYMENT & BILLING w/ SMARTHUB

Pay your bills on-line with South Central Electric's on-line bill payment system, SmartHub. Download the SmartHub app for your mobile device or tablet from the APP Store or Google Play.

To get started visit our web site [southcentralelectric.com](http://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.

# CALL BEFORE YOU DIG IN

Safe Electricity.org

Wait for utilities to be marked.

You could cause damage.

Call at least 2-3 business days prior to digging.



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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.

## Protect Your Home and Family

With a Briggs & Stratton Home Standby Generator

You can be confident that South Central Electric works hard every day to keep your lights on. For those times when mother nature strikes, we still have you covered with our generator program. You can purchase a whole home Briggs & Stratton Power Protect generator from South Central Electric. If you lose power, the generator automatically takes over. When power is restored, it automatically shuts down. Power when you need it without the hassles of portable or PTO generators.

**Estimated Cost of \$9,000 to \$12,500 includes the following:**

- Briggs & Stratton® Power Protect DX with industry leading 10-year warranty.
- Minnesota winter ready with battery warmer, oil heater & battery charger.
- Automatic transfer switch.
- **Electrician installation.**



Generators run on LP or Natural Gas.  
Estimate does not include costs of gas installation from your gas provider.

Call our office to learn more at  
**(507) 375-3164**

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