



March 2026

OPERATION ROUND UP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships will be available to college, vocational, and technical school bound students through the Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) Operation Round Up program. Both traditional and nontraditional students are encouraged to apply.



To be eligible, either the student or parents must have their primary residence located on CWECC lines and participate in Operation Round Up. Applications are available from high school guidance counselors and online at www.cwecoop.com (Member Services tab).

The deadline for submitting completed applications is **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**.

TO APPLY

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY WORKER SCHOLARSHIP

To encourage students to consider a career at an electric utility, and to create an incentive for trained electric utility workers to seek employment with electric cooperatives or other utilities, Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) has established a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The scholarship is intended to assist a student pursuing a technical college education in an electric program that lends itself to employment in the electric utility industry.

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CWEC 88TH ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 9

Join Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative on Thursday, April 9, 2026, for our 88th Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at Rosholt High School.

Registration begins at 5:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served until the start of the meeting at 6 p.m.



President & CEO Lila Shower will keynote the meeting's business session, which begins at 6 p.m. During the business session, members will have the opportunity to hear how their co-op is faring financially, learn details about various services offered by their member-owned power supplier, and receive updates on state and federal regulatory issues of importance to electric co-ops. An election of three board positions will be held.

As a member-owner of an electric cooperative, you can voice your opinions at the annual meeting, observing the annual meeting rules. This is an advantage that cooperatives have over the investor-owned utilities, whose customers have no say in the management of the company and cannot vote for their board of directors.

Members who attend the in-person Annual Meeting will receive a \$20 bill credit. Members who bring the address slip from the front cover of the April 2026 issue of Wisconsin Energy Cooperative News will have the chance to win a \$50 energy credit. In addition to many door prizes, one lucky member will be drawn as the winner of a grand prize consisting of a television. For all of the drawings, winners need to be present.

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NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

As spring approaches, the date in which utility companies can start

disconnecting customers and members for non-payment of their monthly bill, is also approaching. The end of the winter disconnection rules is April 15.

If any Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) members are having difficulty paying their monthly electricity bill, please contact our office at 715-677-2211 to setup payment arrangements.

There may also be financial assistance available to some members to help them pay their utility bills.

CWECC's Commitment to Community Program is designed to help households with their energy costs, including electric bills. For many Wisconsin households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family budget. To better serve our members, CWECC is part of the Wisconsin Home Energy Plus (HE+) program.

This program is funded through public benefits and federal dollars to help eligible low-income households pay for home energy assistance and weatherization. Members may be eligible if they meet the HE+ program guidelines. Members should contact their local agency to determine eligibility.



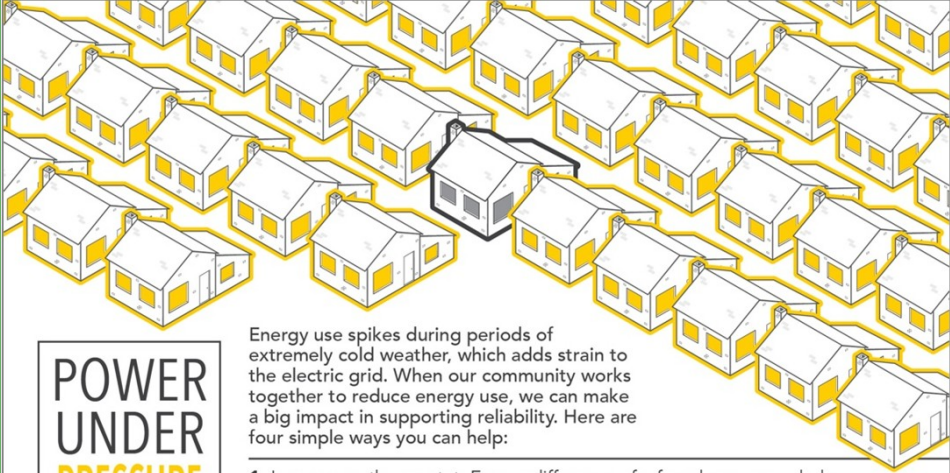
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WORKING TOGETHER TO LOWER DEMAND

When outdoor temperatures drop, electricity use naturally rises. Colder weather drives us indoors, where we rely more heavily on home heating systems, more lighting and household appliances. Heating systems run longer and more frequently to maintain comfortable indoor temperatures.

Combine that with the fact that most people use electricity at the same times—typically in the mornings and early evenings—and the result is significant pressure on our electric grid.

Central Wisconsin Electric Cooperative (CWECC) works closely with our energy supplier to plan for these seasonal weather patterns and changes and ensure you have reliable power



**POWER
UNDER
PRESSURE**

Four Ways to
Ease Grid Strain
This Winter

Energy use spikes during periods of extremely cold weather, which adds strain to the electric grid. When our community works together to reduce energy use, we can make a big impact in supporting reliability. Here are four simple ways you can help:

1. Lower your thermostat. Even a difference of a few degrees can help.
2. Delay using large appliances. Run them in the evenings or midday when demand is lower.
3. Lower your water heater to 120 degrees and avoid back-to-back showers.
4. Unplug unnecessary devices. Electronics and lighting add up. Unplug any unused items.

every day of the year. This partnership involves detailed resource and infrastructure planning to make certain electricity is available whenever you need it. However, it's important to remember that our local system is part of a much larger regional and national electric grid.

During the winter months, when homes and businesses across the country are using more electricity simultaneously, overall demand can approach—or occasionally exceed—available supply. This is especially true during severe weather events, such as ice storms, sudden temperature drops or equipment malfunctions that reduce generation capacity. In rare cases when demand threatens to outpace supply, the regional grid operator may call for temporary, controlled outages—often referred to as rolling blackouts—to prevent broader system failures. If such a situation were to ever arise, CVEC will provide timely updates and information to members.

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2025 CVEC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, WE NEED YOUR GRADES

Congratulations for concluding your first quarter or semester of college, vocational, or technical school. Please remember to submit a copy of your grades and proof of enrollment for second semester to receive your scholarship money.

Scholarship winners must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average, been a full-time student, and completed 12 or more earned credits, during the first quarter or semester of college, vocational, or technical school to receive the scholarship money. You can mail or email your grades and proof of second semester enrollment to:

CVEC
Attn: Scholarship Program
PO Box 100
Rosholt, WI 54473

Email: bert.lehman@cwecoop.com

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