

# SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC Cooperative



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# SCHOLARSHIPS

## GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN BY JANUARY 20

**S****SOUTHEAST** Electric Cooperative offers the following scholarships to students who are or whose parents/guardians are members of Southeast Electric Cooperative Inc., residing within the co-op's service territory:

- **Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship** – \$1,000
- **MECA Memorial Scholarship** – \$500 (regional competition). Sponsored by the Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association. MECA will award \$500 to

a student from Goldenwest, Mid-Yellowstone, Southeast, Tongue River or Lower Yellowstone Rural Electric Cooperatives.

• **Southeast Electric Essay Scholarship** – \$1,000

Students must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited, two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.

*The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, January 20, 2023, at 5 p.m.*

- **The Vernon Emery Memorial Lineman Scholarship** – \$1,500. This scholarship is for a deserving person planning to enroll in a power line construction and maintenance curriculum at an accredited tech school. Applications for the lineman scholarship are reviewed May 1st, August 1st, and December 1st. RM

# 2023 YOUTH TOUR

## SOUTHEAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WINNER



**S****SOUTHEAST** Electric Cooperative Inc. is excited to announce that Kayl Hadley of Plevna has been chosen as the 2023 Washington, D.C., Youth Tour winner.

Kayl, the daughter of Jeff and Josi Hadley, is currently a sophomore at Baker High School.

Students were asked: *if they could witness one historical moment firsthand,*

*what would it be and why?* Kayl chose the Apollo 11 Moon Landing, stating that "this moment in history exemplifies one of the greatest technological, far-fetched, and complicated advancements in the 20th Century." Kayl stated, "If there was any moment in history that I could go back in time to watch, it would be when Apollo 11 landed on the moon, and Neil Armstrong said his

famous quote, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." To be in that moment, watching history take place on the television with the feeling of success would be a dream come true."

Congratulations Kayl on a well-written essay! We are proud to have you represent Southeast Electric in Washington, D.C.! RM



Southeast Electric donates processing fee for homegrown beef to school program

The beef was donated by Lee and Cam LaBree. Pictured left are Board Chairman Albert Paul and Vice-Chairman Mike Hansen.

# FIVE WAYS TO FIGHT THE WINTER CHILL *AND* SAVE ENERGY

By **ABBY BERRY** | For Southeast Electric

**W**E all have our favorite season. Some people love crisp, cool weather and bundling up under a favorite blanket, while others prefer the warm temperatures summer brings, and all the fun outdoor activities that go with it.

But there's one thing we can all agree on: high winter bills are never fun. Here are five tips to help increase your home's energy efficiency this winter:

## Mind the thermostat

This is one of the easiest ways to manage your home energy use. We recommend setting your thermostat to 68 degrees (or lower) when you're home. When you're sleeping or away for an extended period of time, try setting it between 58 and 62 degrees; there's no need to heat your home when you're away or sleeping, and less active.

## Button up your home

The Department of Energy estimates that air leaks account for 24 percent to 40 percent of the energy used for heating and cooling a home. Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors is another simple, cost-effective way to increase comfort and save energy. If you can feel drafts while standing near a window or door, it likely needs to be sealed.



## Use window coverings


Open blinds, drapes or other window coverings during the day to allow natural sunlight in to warm your home. Close them at night to keep the cold, drafty air out. If you feel cold air around windows, consider hanging curtains or drapes in a thicker material; heavier window coverings can make a significant difference in blocking cold outdoor air.

## Consider your appliance use

When combined, appliances and electronics account for a significant chunk of our home energy use, so assess how efficiently you're using them. For example, if you're running the dishwasher or clothes washer, only wash full loads. Look for electronic devices that consume energy even when they're not in use, such as phone chargers or game consoles. Every little bit helps, so unplug them to save energy.

## Think outside the box

If you're still feeling chilly at home, think of other ways to warm up – beyond dialing up the thermostat. Add layers of clothing, wear thick socks and bundle up under blankets. You can even add layers to your home! If you have hard-surface flooring, consider purchasing an area rug to block cold air that leaks in through the floor.

*Winter months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. By being proactive about saving energy, you can increase the comfort of your home and reduce monthly bills. Remember that Southeast Electric Cooperative also offers low-income energy assistance. Please call if you need more information. *