

# \$1,000

## FEDERATED YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

**Hailey B.**  
Mondovi High School

“Receiving this scholarship makes me feel lucky to come from such a caring community that wants to support me and my dreams.”

**Benjamin D.**  
Osseo-Fairchild High School

“The scholarship was a great honor to receive. It allowed me to continue my education and not worry as much about how to fund my schooling.”



MY CO-OP

Valued at \$1,000 each, scholarships are awarded to area high school seniors and current students at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Chippewa Valley Technical College. The student's parent or guardian must be a member of Eau Claire Energy Cooperative and currently receive ECEC energy service at their residence. Visit our website for more details!

**JANUARY 10, 2022 - APPLICATION DEADLINE**

A scholarship application form must be completed and returned to the high school, college, technical college or other post-secondary school student office (whichever applies)

**Eau Claire Energy  
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# We're Thankful FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

“**F**eeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”

In the spirit of this quote by author William Arthur Ward, we'd like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your membership in our electric cooperative. Because of your connection to Eau Claire Energy Cooperative, we are able to make our community a better place.

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As part of the cooperative business model, one of our core principles is “Concern for Community.” While our priority is always to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy, we view our role in the community as a catalyst for good.

We are purposeful in partnering with local groups such as the United Way, The Community Table, Cleghorn Lions Club, area first responders, and more. And we take pride in employee programs

like sponsoring families during the holidays, volunteering at community events, and donating to local non-profit organizations. We work closely with our local schools to provide safety demonstrations, award college scholarships, and collaborate on our Youth Ambassador Program. Ultimately, the larger community benefits from these programs because of you! You empower the co-op through your membership and through your participation in and support of these programs.

We are locally governed by members of our community, so we are able to get a firsthand perspective on community priorities, thereby enabling us to make more informed decisions on long-term investments, such as our community solar array, equipment and technology upgrades, and electric vehicle programs. We also get valuable feedback from our Member Advisory Council and partner with area organizations to advance the deployment of broadband to our unserved and underserved members.

We are thankful that our co-op board members carve out time to attend important training sessions, participate in planning meetings, and keep abreast of industry trends. This investment in time results in

better informed advisors who serve the co-op's interests in a way that our consumer-members expect and deserve.

**WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU,  
and for that,  
WE'RE THANKFUL FOR  
*your* membership.**

On a more personal note, we appreciate the countless acts of kindness our lineworkers and other employees receive when they are working in severe weather and dangerous conditions. Our employees are thankful for your patience and consideration when we are trying to restore power during challenging situations and prolonged periods.

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative was originally established over 85 years ago to bring electricity to our area when no one else would. The cooperative is a reflection of our local community and its evolving needs. Together, let's continue making our corner of the world a better place. We can't do it without you, and for that, we're thankful for your membership.



## EV EXPERIENCE BRINGS ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY

**E**au Claire Energy Cooperative partnered with neighboring electric cooperatives to host the second annual EV Experience on September 25 at Chippewa Valley Technical College. Community members came to see a wide variety of electric vehicles in person, taking advantage of the opportunity to talk to the owners, learn more about the technology and, of course, DRIVE!

EV expert Jukka Kukkonen spoke to the nearly 200 attendees on the basics of the electric vehicle world

while pointing out the simplicity of EV technology in comparison to the internal combustion engine. Jukka also provided an exciting overview on the current and near-future outlook on the industry as new EVs begin hitting the market with higher range expectations.

Electric vehicles in attendance included co-op fleet vehicles from ECEC (Tesla Model 3) and Dunn Energy (Chevrolet Bolt); a wide variety made available by local EV owners (Nissan Leaf, BMW i3, Tesla, Chevrolet, and more); as well as two of the most

popular vehicles at the event, the Polestar 2, provided by Pritchard EV, and the Ford Mustang Mach E, provided by Osseo Ford.

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative aims to be your trusted energy advisor as it relates to you owning an electric vehicle. If you currently own an electric vehicle or are planning to purchase one, make sure you contact our knowledgeable staff to learn about current incentives and EV charging programs. You can also find more information on our website, [www.ecec.com](http://www.ecec.com), or call (715) 832-1603.



## YOUTH AMBASSADORS HOLD FIRST MEETING

**Y**outh Ambassadors kicked off the 2021-22 session on September 22! Students from Altoona, Fall Creek, Eau Claire Memorial and the Homeschool Association were in attendance to hear Cathy Statz of Wisconsin Farmers Union speak about cooperatives. Cathy taught the students about how far-reaching the “cooperative model” goes—industries including electrical distribution, tele-communications, food service and even housing have successful, long-standing cooperatives among the leaders in the industry. Youth Ambassadors also had early discussions about community service projects and other topics the group will pursue in future meetings.

### Interested in joining?

There is still time to sign up! If you know an area high schooler living in a home powered by ECEC, you can encourage them to sign up by visiting our website.

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