



GRAB YOUR INCENTIVES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR!

Eau Claire Energy Cooperative is proud to support our members through our many incentive programs, each designed to help members offset the costs associated with energy efficiency upgrades and improvements in their homes and businesses.

As 2023 comes to a close, now is a great time to be reminded of the programs available to you!

Appliances: Many appliances available today meet or exceed strict EPA standards for energy efficiency and earn the EnergyStar label. If your home needs a new refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, clothes washer, electric clothes dryer, or dehumidifier, an EnergyStar-rated appliance can earn you a \$25 incentive!

Water Heater: While not at the forefront of most homeowner's minds, the electric water heater can have a large impact on electric usage—especially if the water heater's efficiency has been compromised. Purchasing a new, energy efficient water heater can not only reduce your electric usage, but it can also qualify for an incentive up to \$300 from ECEC!

HVAC: ECEC's HVAC incentive program covers a wide variety of heating and cooling equipment. Everything from the standard forced-air furnace equipped with an energy efficient ECM blower motor (\$35) up to the incredibly efficient geothermal heat pumps (\$500 per ton), ECEC has incentives available to offset the cost of the equipment.

Home Performance: ECEC's Home Performance program is designed to help our members in two ways. First, a \$100 incentive is available for having your home's performance evaluated by a certified consultant who will go through your home and help identify where you can improve your air-sealing and insulating. Second, up to a \$500 incentive is available after improvements have been made based on the results of the evaluation.

New Home Certification: Building a new home? A new home certification can help put you at ease by having a certified energy consultant work with your builder to ensure your home is built to exceed energy efficiency standards. The homeowner will get a \$500 incentive from ECEC once the home is certified while your builder is also eligible for savings, too. It's a win-win for everyone!

LED Lighting: LED lights are common, but they're also incredibly energy efficient. ECEC still offers \$0.50 per bulb (minimum 6 bulbs) for our residential members while our commercial members receive \$0.50 per 800 lumens of light output.

Ag, Commercial & Industrial: If your farm or business has updated exhaust or circulation fans, installed heat recovery units or pre-coolers, or even hooked up to a variable frequency drive, you may be eligible for an incentive. Contact our member services staff to learn more.

Focus on Energy: ECEC participates in the statewide Focus on Energy program, which means our members may also be eligible for incentives through Focus on Energy's programs as well—including the once-per-year free (yes...FREE!) Energy Savings Pack you are eligible for. Visit www.focusonenergy.com to learn more.

As always, our knowledgeable staff is ready and able to help answer your questions and help you use energy wisely. If you have questions, give us a call at (715)832-1603 and we will put you in touch with a trusted energy advisor.

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Thankful for Our Members

A THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION OF COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

As we near Thanksgiving, we find ourselves enveloped in a sense of gratitude and reflection. This time of year, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to the true essence of our cooperative—our members. Each day, you inspire us to uphold the seven cooperative principles and we are so grateful.

1. Voluntary and Open Membership: A Community United

We are profoundly thankful for the members of our cooperative, creating a community united by a shared vision. Your choice to be a part of our cooperative family strengthens our collective voice and underscores the power of collaboration.

2. Democratic Member Control: Voices that Matter

At the core of our gratitude is the democratic spirit that prevails within Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. Your active participation and engagement empower us to make decisions collectively, ensuring that every voice is heard, valued, and respected. Together, we shape the future of our cooperative.

3. Member Economic Participation: Investing in Progress

We express our deepest appreciation for the financial commitment our members make. Your investments fuel our initiatives, enabling us to modernize infrastructure, improve services, and invest in sustainable technologies to best serve you now and into the future. Your contributions are the driving force behind our cooperative's progress.

4. Autonomy and Independence: Local Solutions, Nationwide Impacts

The autonomy and independence granted to our cooperative are valuable beyond measure. We are so thankful for the freedom to implement local solutions, tailored to the unique needs of our community. This freedom allows us to innovate, adapt, and serve you better while contributing to the greater cooperative network on the local, state, and national levels.

5. Education, Training, and Information: Empowering Futures

Education empowers, and we are thankful for the opportunities to educate, train, and inform our members. We are also extremely thankful to be able to educate our directors and staff so that we can have the knowledge and understanding to serve our members with the highest level of service possible. Your eagerness to learn about energy efficiency, sustainability, and cooperative values empowers us to build a more informed, enlightened community. Together, we pave the way for a brighter future.

6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives: Strengthening Unity

In the spirit of cooperation among cooperatives, we express our gratitude for the solidarity shared among cooperative entities. Through collaboration, knowledge exchange, and mutual support, we strengthen our movement, amplifying our ability to serve our members effectively.

7. Concern for Community: Nurturing the Heart of Cooperation

Our deepest gratitude is reserved for our unwavering concern for the communities we serve. With dedication to the well-being of our neighborhood, willingness to help those in need, and commitment to creating a better tomorrow, ECEC truly exemplifies cooperative values. Together, we nurture the heart of cooperation, fostering a community where everyone thrives.

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our members. Your trust, participation, and commitment to cooperative principles are the foundation upon which Eau Claire Energy Cooperative stands. With immense gratitude, we are proud to light up your homes and hearts, fostering a community that thrives on cooperation, mutual help, and, above all, gratitude.



\$1,000 FEDERATED YOUTH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS 2024

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.”




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 9, 2024 • 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).

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