



Deadlines Approaching For Youth Tour and Scholarship Opportunities

Youth Tour

Apply for a week-long, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. as part of the 2026 Youth Tour! Learn more about electric cooperatives, government, and American history. Current sophomores and juniors whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are HPC members are eligible to apply.

Applications Due March 2, 2026

Learn more at heartlandpower.com/youth-tour

Scholarships

Heartland Power Cooperative is proud to award ten, \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors this spring. Applicants' parent(s)/guardian(s) must be HPC members with their primary residence serviced by the cooperative. An additional scholarship opportunity is available for students enrolled in a Power Line Program.

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Powering What Matters Continuing Our Commitment to You in 2026

It's hard to believe we're already welcoming a new year. As we step into 2026, we're filled with gratitude for you, our cooperative members. You are the reason we do what we do, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support and membership.

The start of a new year is a natural time to reflect on where we've been and where we're headed. At Heartland Power Cooperative, our focus remains the same: providing safe, reliable, and affordable electricity that continues to be a good value for the families, farms, and businesses we serve. The means and methods may evolve from one season or decade to the next, but our why will never change.

As an electric cooperative, we are member-owned and member-focused. That means every decision we make is guided by what's best for you and our community, not shareholders. One important way members help guide the cooperative is through participation in board elections. Two districts will be up for election this March. If you or someone you know may be interested in running for the Board of Directors, we encourage you to contact our office or view our past December newsletter for more information. Serving on the board is a meaningful way to help shape the future of your cooperative.

Winter is also upon us, and with it comes the possibility of severe weather. We encourage members to take time now to prepare for extended storms or potential outages by having emergency supplies on hand and a plan in place. While our crews are always prepared to restore power as quickly and safely as possible, member preparedness is an important part of staying safe during winter weather.

As we move through 2026, please know that Heartland Power Cooperative remains committed to serving you with care, integrity, and responsibility. Thank you for being part of this cooperative. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to powering our community today and well into the future.

Jon Leerar,
CEO/General Manager





Providing members with safe, reliable, affordable electricity and enhancing the quality of life for members and their local communities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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MONTHLY QUIZ

\$25 BILL CREDIT WINNER

Our winners from both December and January will be announced in the February newsletter.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION

How many districts are up for election in March?

QUIZ GUIDELINES

Each member who sends in the correct answer by the 20th of the month will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 bill credit. Mail or email quiz answers to energy@heartlandpower.com.

Stay Informed During Winter Outages

We hold reliability as a top priority in every season, but sometimes Mother Nature has other plans and power outages may occur.

All Heartland Power Members can sign up to receive power outage notifications via text. Receive an alert when there is an interruption in power at your location, and receive another alert when power has been restored. Learn more or sign up at www.heartlandpower.com/outages. Also, follow us on Facebook for any additional real-time outage updates.

Facility Charge Increase Effective January 1

The Heartland Power Cooperative Board of Directors approved an increase in facility charges for rural residential, farm, and small commercial rate classes. The decision was based on a thorough cost-of-service study conducted by the cooperative's rate consultant.

The new facility charges took effect on January 1, 2026. For rural residential, farm, and small commercial members, the facility charge increased by \$3. Specifically, single-phase charges increased from \$47 to \$50, while three-phase charges went from \$67 to \$70.

Learn more about the facility charge increase in our past October newsletter, available at www.heartlandpower.com/newsletter.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

ReCare provides community action agencies with funds to help low-income families pay their winter heating bills and energy assistance, as well as help our member-consumers with weatherization activities.

Through the ReCare Plan, you may make a one-time contribution or a monthly pledge that will automatically be added to your monthly electric bill. If you would like to help, simply fill out the consumer authorization form and return it with your next bill payment.

ReCare Consumer Authorization Form

I want to be a part of members helping members and contribute to ReCare!

Monthly Pledge: \$1 \$2 \$5 Other _____
(I understand this amount will be automatically added to my monthly electric bill.)

One-time contribution \$ _____

(Checks should be made out to ReCare, %Heartland Power Cooperative)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Billing Number: _____

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