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THREE BYLAW CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Kenneth Ceaglske, President/CEO

As we edge closer to the annual meeting, we are looking at three bylaw changes: one item that got missed with last year's appointment wording changes, one with regards to term limits, and one clarifying the process for setting per diems.

Last year you approved the change allowing a vacancy on the board to be filled with an appointment that completes the remaining term of the director being replaced. The previous method was to put that seat up for election at the following annual meeting. We discovered one line in the bylaws that does not reflect the new method.

Currently the bylaws allow for

five three-year terms and then the board member must step down for a minimum of three years. The bylaw change would extend the term to six three-year terms. With the electricity industry getting more complicated, we spend a fair amount of time and money getting directors the education that it takes to do their job well. The extra term would allow the cooperative to keep that knowledge and experience in place just a little longer while still respecting the wishes of the membership to have term limits. TEC is very much in the minority as an electric cooperative with directors that are term limited.

The last bylaw change clarifies what has been a gentleman's agreement when it comes to the timing of any changes to the board's per diem amount. The new language more clearly states that any

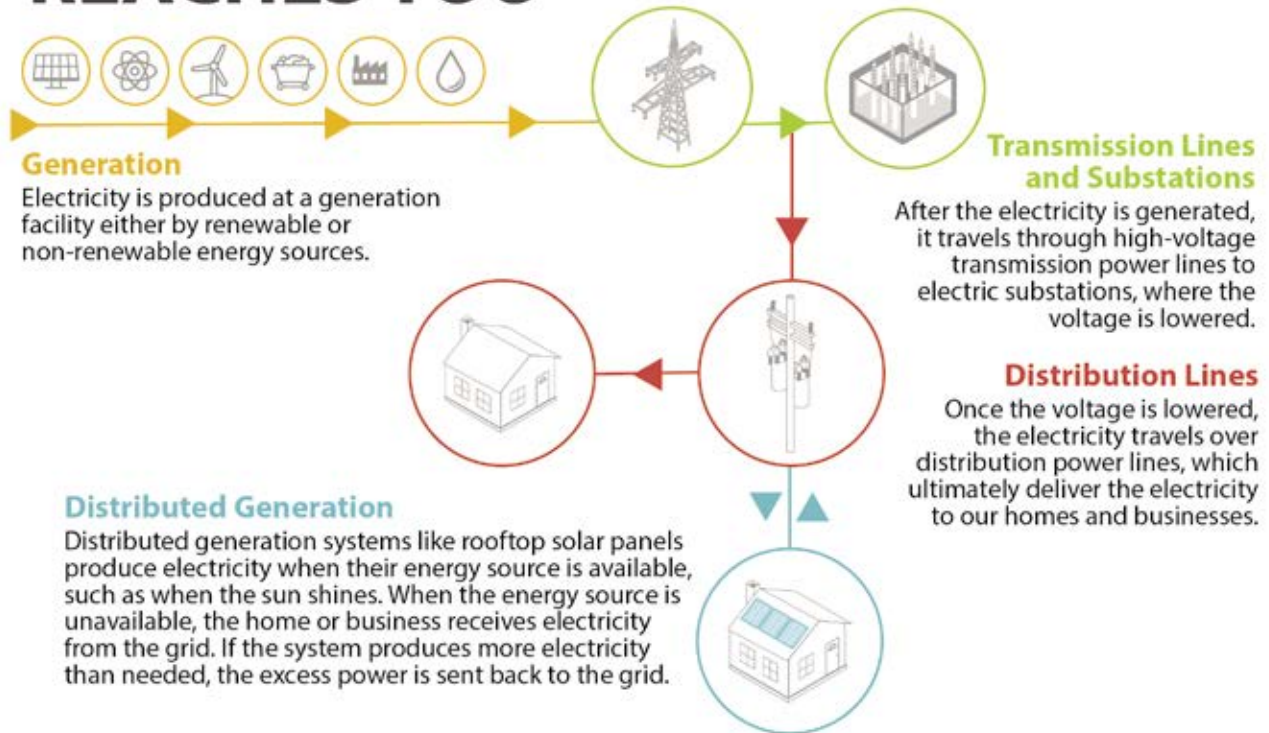
changes to the per diem will be approved at the membership meeting and will take effect following that approval.

Formal notice and language will be included in both an upcoming magazine article and in the annual report.

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HOW ELECTRICITY REACHES YOU





Youth Leadership Conference

UW–Stout | July 11–13, 2023



The annual **Youth Leadership Conference** is a dynamic three-day event for high school students across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.

Take the opportunity to...

- See what makes the cooperative business model **different and successful**, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own **leadership skills**.
- Discuss **cooperative careers** with industry professionals.
- Be **entertained and challenged** by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and talk about topics that are relevant in your life.

This is a **by-teens, for-teens cooperative leadership conference** that is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.

Who should apply?

High school students with family members who belong to Taylor Electric Cooperative.

What does it cost?

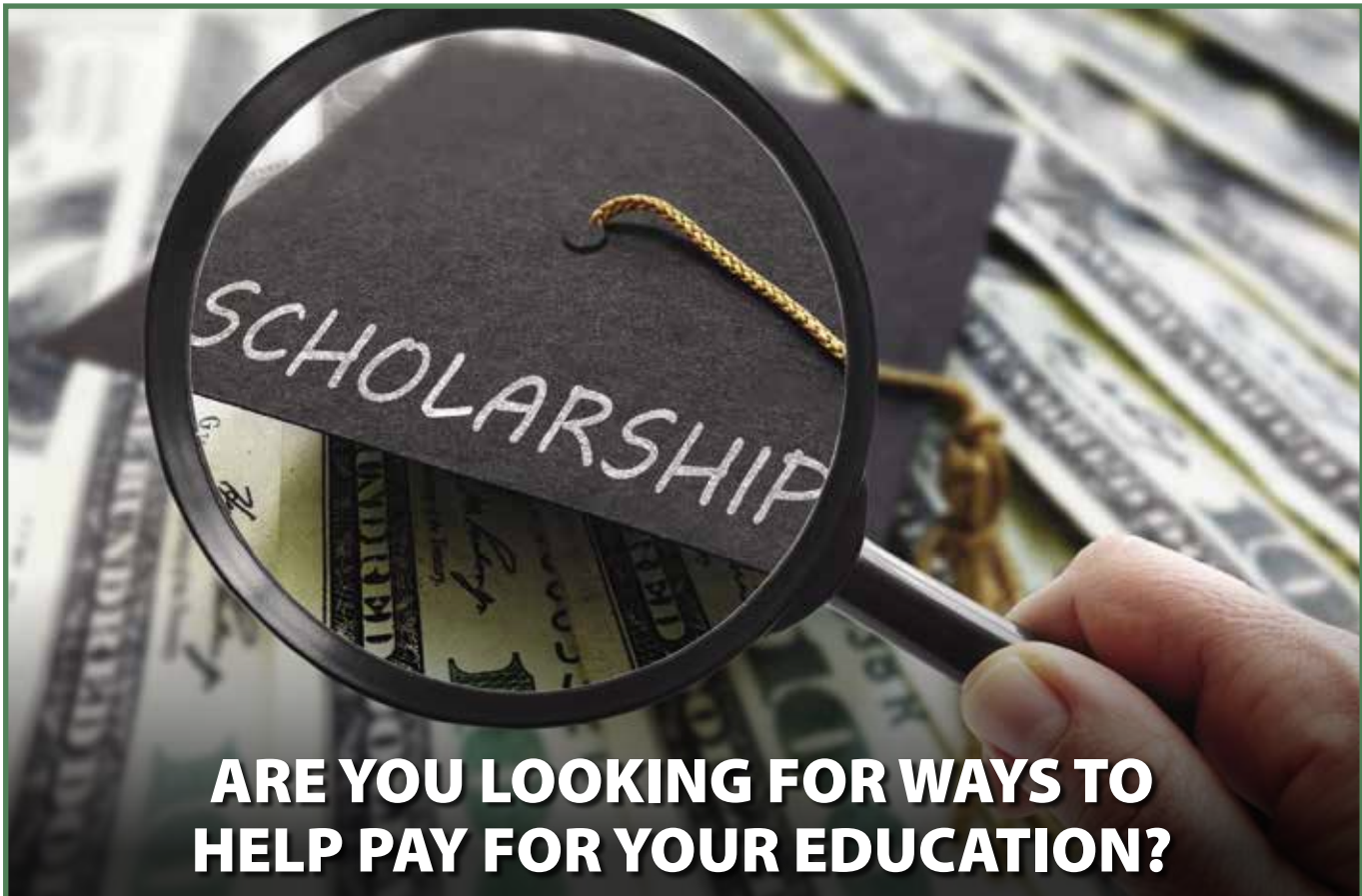
Nothing to the student! All registration costs are covered by the generous support of sponsoring electric cooperatives.

To learn more, visit www.weca.coop and click on Youth Education under Education in the menu, or contact Taylor Electric Cooperative, 715-678-2411.

**Registration forms are due at
Taylor Electric Cooperative June 7, 2023.**



Last year's delegate from Taylor Electric, Theodore Robisch (left), earned a spot on the Youth Board and will be visiting Washington, D.C. in June for NRECA's Youth Tour. He will also help plan and develop this year's Youth Leadership Conference.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP PAY FOR YOUR EDUCATION?

Taylor Electric Cooperative is awarding six \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Funding for the scholarship program comes from unclaimed capital credits.

Students living in households that receive their electric service from Taylor Electric and who will be graduating from high school in 2023 are eligible.

Final selection for the scholarship recipients will be made by the board of directors, with the cooperation of those schools involved. If you are interested, please complete the accompanying request form and return it to our office by April 6, 2023.

**Apply by
April 6,
2023**

NOTE: The funds for these scholarships are derived from unclaimed capital credit refunds. Chapter 185 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that unclaimed refunds may be used for educational and charitable purposes. Otherwise, they become unclaimed property and must be paid to the State of Wisconsin as such.

Taylor Electric College Scholarship Application Request

Name _____

Name on Electric Account _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

TEC Account No. _____

High School (or indicate if home-schooled) _____

Return to Taylor Electric Cooperative, N1831 State Highway 13, Medford, WI 54451



THESE LOCAL DEALS WILL HAVE YOU FEELING LUCKY

Use your **Co-op Connections Card** to take advantage of these savings! This card is a free member benefit for Touchstone Energy cooperatives like Taylor Electric Cooperative. It offers valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses. Participating local business are listed below.

Advance Auto Parts, Medford
10% discount on purchases up to \$200.

Broadway Theater, Medford
Purchase any size popcorn and get a matching size soda for free.

Glass to Go, Inc., Medford
5% off in-shop windshield replacement. Buy one Rain-X Wiper Blade, get second blade 1/2 off.

Jack's Auto Repair LLC, Stetsonville
10% off exhaust repairs over \$50, 10% off any brake related parts & labor.

Life's High Points Photography, Medford
10% discount.

Medford Health Mart Pharmacy, Medford
20% off any Health Mart label.

Meyer Auto Body, Medford
5% discount on any body repair over \$500. Up to a \$100 value.

Meyer Lumber, Dorchester
5% discount on discountable items, excluding all sale and clearance items (cash sales only). Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts/promotions. Card must be presented at each purchase.

Meyer Tire and Service, Medford
\$5 off any passenger or light truck tire – not good in conjunction with any other coupons or offers.

Napa Auto Parts, Medford
10% discount on cash & carry items (excludes engines, engine kits, transmissions, oil labor & sale items).

Northwoods Embroidery, Medford
Free digitizing on embroidery. Free set up on first color of screen printing.

River Country Cooperative
Athens, Dorchester, Greenwood, Hamburg, Owen
10% discount on all dog and cat food.

Ron's Auto Body Repair, Medford
10% off for anyone over 55 or older on labor.

Schierl Tire & Service Center, Medford
\$5 off an oil change. \$10 off parts for service repairs.

Stetsonville Lumber, Stetsonville
5% off single purchase over \$500 – not good in conjunction with other coupons or offers.

Strama's Self-Serve, Medford
Buy one ice cream (cone or dish) and get the second 1/2 price.

Subway, Medford & Colby
50¢ off any sub or salad.

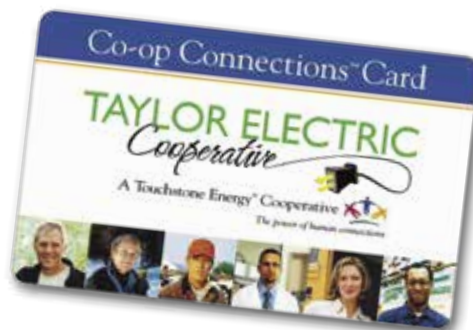
Tallman Landscaping
5% off labor on projects over \$1,000 – free estimates.

Taylor Credit Union, Medford and Abbotsford
Free rental for one year on 3"x5"x22 1/2" safe deposit box – new rentals only. Requires existing savings account or initial savings account with \$5 balance. Limit one per family.

Turtle Bay Gardens, LLC, Medford
10% off purchase.

Wanke Builders, Medford
Free foundation waterproofing on new home purchase.

Willow Cottage Pet Grooming, Medford
\$5 off full groom service.



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