

Apply Now for the Glynn and Mildred Carpenter Scholarship



Glynn Carpenter was manager/CEO of Woodruff Electric Cooperative for 34 years. He and his wife, Mildred, both came from humble beginnings in Ashley County. Mr.

Carpenter worked in the electric cooperative system for 53 years, retiring in 2003.

Both Glynn and Mildred were strong advocates of higher education. Mr. Carpenter recognized the value of education and encouraged his employees, family and acquaintances to better themselves with learning.

In honor of Glynn and Mildred Carpenter, the Board of Directors of Woodruff Electric Cooperative established the Glynn and Mildred Carpenter Scholarship Program. 2021 graduating high school seniors may apply to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must be a graduate of any public or private high school in the counties of Woodruff, Cross, Monroe, St. Francis, Lee or Phillips or in the town of Des Arc; or be a graduate of home schooling while residing in a household of a Woodruff Electric member. The applicant must also be the child, grandchild or dependent of a Woodruff Electric member. The applicant must be attending a university, college or technical school as a full-time student in the Fall of 2021. The entire application must be completed in full, and received with the appropriate supplementary materials, in advance of the application deadline, which is March 22, 2021.

Go to www.woodruffelectric.com for more information, complete instructions and the scholarship application forms.

DO NOT TAMPER WITH YOUR ELECTRIC METER

Meter tampering can result in electric shock, is illegal and increases electricity rates for other co-op members.



- ⊘ Never break a meter seal.
- ⊘ Never open a meter base.
- ⊘ Never remove a meter or alter an entrance cable in any manner.

If you know or suspect that someone has tampered with their meter, please contact us immediately.



TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS



Scammers can threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.

Here are a few reminders from your electric co-op.

- Co-op employees will never show up at your door to demand payment.
- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. Co-op representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing the co-op, please let them know as soon as possible.



Cold weather can bring higher bills

When winter cold snaps occur, your HVAC unit and water heater work harder, cycling on and off more often, which requires more electricity.

That means your bill can be higher than normal. Even when members use other sources of heat, such as space heaters, those items only contribute to higher usage.

To ease the stress of higher bills, be sure to monitor your usage, make sure any emergency heating settings on your thermostats aren't turned on, and be aware that space heaters and similar auxiliary devices are highly inefficient.



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WINTER ENERGY-SAVINGS WORD SEARCH

This winter, you can pitch in at home to help save energy!

Read the energy-saving tips below, then find and circle the bolded words in the puzzle.



M	U	S	F	A	K	S	E	R	U	A	Z	T	H	H
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V	Y	L	X	L	W	K	S	L	H	Y	A	S	L	P
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N	J	C	I	E	T	G	V	O	S	C	P	S	C	W
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WORD BANK:

- Open curtains and blinds during the day to allow **sunlight** in to warm your home.
- Instead of turning up the thermostat, add more layers of **clothing** to keep your body warm.
- If you have a **fireplace**, ask an adult to close the flue when a fire is not burning.
- Unplug **chargers** when they're not in use. They consume energy even when they're not charging phones and other devices.
- Ask an adult to check the **air filter** for your home's heating and cooling system. Filters should be replaced regularly to help the system run more efficiently.
- Always turn off **lights** when you leave a room.

