



Community Electric Cooperative News

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Local High School Seniors Earn Electric Co-op Scholarships



Two high school seniors whose families are served by Community Electric Cooperative have each earned \$1,000 college scholarships awarded by the Education Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC):

- **Tyler Aston**, a senior at Windsor High School and the son of Keith and Margaret Aston of Windsor.
- **Taylor Cross**, a senior at Southampton High School and the daughter of Gary and Marguerite Cross of Zuni.

Both were eligible for consideration because their parents are consumer-members of Community Electric Cooperative. Recipients are chosen through a competitive process that considers financial need (40 percent), academic achievement (40 percent) and community involvement (20 percent). Applicants must also provide evidence of their acceptance in a post-high-school educational institution or program.

This year, the VMDAEC Education Scholarship Foundation is awarding 54 Worth Hudson scholarships, named after the Foundation's first chairman and former chairman of the board of directors of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative in Chase City, Virginia. Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has awarded 683 scholarships totaling \$582,500. These grants can be used to pay for tuition, fees and books.

The Foundation is funded through tax-deductible donations and bequests from individuals, proceeds from benefit fundraising events and CoBank's Sharing Success Program.

Founded in 1944, VMDAEC is the trade association for Community Electric Cooperative and 14 other electric co-ops that serve Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. It is based in Glen Allen, Virginia, and provides safety and employee training, governmental relations, communications, including the publication of *Cooperative Living* magazine, and other services to its member cooperatives. For more information on VMDAEC and the scholarship program, visit www.vmdaec.com or www.co-opliving.com.

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*Community Electric Cooperative is an
equal opportunity provider and employer.*

*Community Electric Cooperative
will be closed on Wednesday,
July 4, in observance of
Independence Day. The office
will reopen Thursday, July 5,
at 8 a.m. Have a happy holiday!*



Are You Ready for Hurricane Season?

June 1 marks the official start of the hurricane season, with the peak storm threat occurring from mid-August to late October.

Community Electric Cooperative wants you to be prepared in the event of one of these dangerous storms. Keep your family safe with these handy tips.

BEFORE THE STORM:

- Put together an emergency kit and plan. Communicate the plan with your family.
- Know the elevation level of your property and whether the land is flood-prone. This will help you prepare for the storm surge and any tidal flooding.
- Secure your home: cover all windows with either storm shutters or boards, clear loose and clogged rain gutters, and bring all outdoor furniture indoors.
- Learn your community hurricane evacuation routes.

DURING THE STORM:

- Listen to the radio or TV for information, if possible.

- Avoid using the phone, unless there is an emergency.
- Turn off utilities if instructed to do so. Otherwise, keep the refrigerator thermostat on the coldest setting and keep the doors closed.

AFTER THE STORM:

- Keep away from loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to Community Electric Cooperative.
- Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads. Watch out for fallen objects, downed power lines, and weakened walls, bridges or sidewalks.
- Never use a generator inside homes, garages, crawl spaces, sheds or similar areas. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can quickly build up in these areas.

For more tips on planning before, during and after the storm, visit www.ready.gov/hurricanes.

Source: www.ready.gov

HURRICANE WATCH: The conditions are favorable and there is a good chance that the event may happen.

HURRICANE WARNING: The event is imminent. Act immediately to safeguard life and property.

Nominating Committee Appointed

On May 17, 2018, your Board of Directors appointed the following Cooperative members to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee:

William W. "Bill" Day
Ashby B. Brown
Donald C. Cross
D. Wayne Ellis
Gayle B. Brown

Peter F. Crocker
J. Derwood Bunch
William F. Seiling
Jane Joyner

The Committee will meet on June 8 to select nominees for the position of director. Cooperative members will then vote for the directors' positions at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Georgie D. Tyler Middle School in Windsor. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.



Be Ready Before a Storm Strikes

Lights out? Store these items at home in case of an outage.

- Water**
Three-day supply, one gallon per person per day.
- Tools**
Flashlight and extra batteries, can opener, wind-up radio.
- Food**
Three-day supply of non-perishable, high-energy food.
- First Aid, Medicine**
First aid supplies, hand sanitizer, and at least a week's supply of medications for the family.
- Documents**
Include copies of passports, birth certificates, and insurance policies.

Learn more at www.Ready.gov.

Source: American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency