

Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

DECEMBER 2011

Get \$50 for your old fridge!

WAKE ELECTRIC KICKS OFF FRIDGE & FREEZER FAREWELL PROGRAM

Did you know that by recycling your old refrigerator or freezer, you could save more than \$200 per year on your energy bill? Did you also know that old refrigerators contain more than 120 lbs of recyclable steel?

Wake Electric is proud to announce its partnership with Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. to bring you an exciting new program. Because the co-op cares about the environment and wants to help you save on your electric bill, we'll give you \$50 to let us properly recycle your old, working secondary refrigerator or freezer. We'll

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even pick it up, free of charge, without you having to lift a finger. Each fridge or freezer appliance that

is properly recycled through the program will prevent it from entering a landfill, helping us all clean up the environment.

You must be a residential electric customer with a valid account number to participate. Refrigerators and freezers turned in for recycling must be secondary units in working condition (cooling), 10-30 cubic feet, owned by you and picked up from the residential address listed on the billing account. The \$50 rebate will be mailed to you in the form of a check within 4-6 weeks after collection.

Limit of two appliances per household per year. Some restrictions apply.

We appreciate your help in protecting the environment and conserving energy! To schedule your fridge or freezer pick-up, please call (877) 341-2310.



For more information, visit www.wemc.com/fridgeandfreezer or call (877) 341-2310. You may also email communications@wemc.com with questions.

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Call to report outages: 919.863.6499 or 800.743.3155
Regular office hours: M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Telephone hours: M-F, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., 863.6300 or 800.474.6300
Underground locating service: Call 811
Dedicated pay-by-phone number: 866.999.4593

(866) 999-4593

Wake Electric Seeks Applicants for its Scholarship Program

On December 1, the co-op is kicking-off its esteemed 2012 Wake Electric Scholarship Program. Students can apply for the coveted Fred M. Alford Scholarship (\$2,000), as well as 16 Touchstone Energy Scholarships (\$1,250 each).

All applications will be under consideration for one of the two scholarship categories. Students only need to submit one application to be considered for both scholarship programs.



FRED M. ALFORD SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- ★ Must be a high school graduating senior (cannot already be attending college)
- ★ Must pursue a four-year undergraduate baccalaureate degree at an accredited institution in North Carolina

TOUCHSTONE ENERGY SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIREMENTS

- ★ Must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- ★ Must use these funds at a North Carolina college or university, community college, vocational or technical school
- ★ Applicants can be a high school graduating senior or already enrolled full-time in a university, community college, vocational or technical school

For more information or to download an application, please visit www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx. The deadline to submit applications to the Wake Electric Scholarship Program is March 30, 2012, by 5 p.m. Contact Wake Electric at communications@wemc.com or (919) 863-6312 for any questions.

Wake Electric Introduces Dedicated Pay-by-Phone Number

Wake Electric is excited to announce it has a new, dedicated pay-by-phone number option for bill payment. This convenient new way to pay your bill allows members to check the status of their account, make a payment, create or update PIN numbers and also update phone numbers through an automated phone system.

Wake Electric's new pay-by-phone number is an excellent way for members who are accustomed to calling our office and speaking with a representative to eliminate their wait time and pay their bill in an easy, expedient manner. The phone number is (866) 999-4593.

This is just another way Wake Electric is looking out for you, its members, by making it more convenient than ever to pay your electric bill.



Holiday Closings

Wake Electric's offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2 for the holiday season. For emergencies, please call (800) 474-6300 or (919) 863-6300.

Wake Electric Awards 12 Classroom Technology Grants to Local Teachers

Wake Electric recently awarded \$19,850 in Classroom Technology Awards grant monies to deserving teachers in the Triangle and surrounding counties.

Wake Electric annually offers grants to area teachers for one piece of technology that will enhance classroom teaching and learning. Research shows that students who are in technology-rich environments experience positive effects on achievement in all major subject areas. From laptop computers and digital cameras, to scanners and software, teachers will be able to guide their students in new and creative ways with the help of Wake Electric's Classroom Technology Awards.

"There is no doubt that students today like to learn through technology," said Suzanne Ward, Public Relations and Communications Specialist for Wake Electric. "The Classroom Technology Awards grant program, sponsored by Wake Electric, makes it possible for students to utilize that love of technology to make learning more enjoyable and fun."

Public school and community college teachers in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance, and Wake counties are eligible to apply. Funding for Classroom Technology Awards grants is made possible by Wake Electric member-consumers and Wake Electric employees through the Operation RoundUp program.

Since its inception in 2004, the Classroom Technology Awards program has awarded more than \$150,000 in grant monies.

Classroom Technology Awards Grant Winners for 2011

Name	School	County	Grant Amount Awarded
Deborah Gaul	South Granville High School	Granville County	\$ 690
Jodi Pearson	East Wake Academy	Wake County	\$1,879
Joshua Bowers	Wake Tech Community College	Wake County	\$1,205
Angela Denning	Butner-Stem Elementary School	Granville County	\$1,127
Katie Kennedy	East Wake Middle School	Wake County	\$1,465
Monique Bell	Franklinton High School	Franklin County	\$ 362
Jane Green	West Oxford Elementary School	Granville County	\$2,303
Kelly Vetter	Wake Tech Community College	Wake County	\$ 648
Catherine Smith	Wakefield High School	Wake County	\$2,718
Grady Patterson	Wake Tech Community College	Wake County	\$2,025
Jenny Waite	Zeb Vance Elementary School	Vance County	\$3,000
Emily Moore	Wake Tech Community College	Wake County	\$2,428

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP

During the holiday season, consider using Energy Star-qualified lights and strands to decorate. They use 70 percent less energy than regular lights and last up to 10 times as long. They also give off less heat, reducing the risk of fire.

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Energy Star)

Wake Electric seeks applicants for 2011 Youth Tour

Winners receive \$1,000 scholarship and all-expenses paid trip to D.C.

Wake Electric seeks applicants for a \$1,000 scholarship for college, plus a free, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the 2012 Rural Electric Youth Tour. The trip is set to be held June 15-22, 2012.

Students who attend the Youth Tour will join 1,500 high school students from across the U.S. to learn about electric cooperatives, American history and the United States government. Students will also visit the historic sites of the nation's capital.

Applicants must be current high school juniors in Wake, Durham, Johnston, Vance, Granville, Nash, or Franklin counties. Students do not have to live in households served by Wake Electric in order to win.



For more information on eligibility or to download an application, please visit www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx. The deadline to submit Youth Tour applications is March 15, 2012. If you have questions, please contact Wake Electric via communications@wemc.com or (919) 863-6312.

*Happy Holidays
from Wake Electric!*

Hoping you
are surrounded
by love and
warmth this
holiday season.

Operation RoundUp Grant Deadline Approaching

Attention nonprofit organizations located in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties! The next deadline for Operation RoundUp grant applications is Friday, December 9, 2011. For more information on the Operation RoundUp program or to download the grant application, please visit www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx.

