

Academic scholarships available from Shelby Electric Cooperative

Every year Shelby Electric Cooperative awards three academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Scholarships are awarded to a son or daughter of a current Shelby Electric Cooperative member who is receiving electric service from the cooperative at the time the scholarship application is submitted. In 2010, the winners were Tamar Adcock of Assumption and Ethan Simmons and Lauren Adcock both from Moweaqua.

“We are pleased to provide students with an opportunity to be awarded a scholarship as a way to give back to the communities we serve,” said Marla Eversole who coordinates this program for the cooperative.

High school seniors pursuing a college education in the United States are eligible to participate in the program. Scholarships may be used for educational costs at any two-year or four-year accredited college or university, including vocational/technical schools. Candidates are judged based



Shown here is Tamar Adcock, one of last year's scholarship recipients, accepting her \$1,000 scholarship from Chairman of the Board Darrell Shumard of Stewardson. Ethan Simmons and Lauren Adcock were the other two recipients and were unavailable when this picture was taken.

on grade point average, college entrance tests scores, work and volunteer experience, participation in school and community activities, a biographical statement and a short essay that demonstrates knowledge of the organization and services of Shelby Electric Cooperative. **March 15 is the deadline for receipt of completed applications for 2011.** Scholarship winners will be notified in June.

Applications can be obtained by visiting the Shelby Electric Cooperative website www.shelbyelectric.coop and looking under the “Our Community” menu tab or by calling Marla Eversole, Member Services Representative. The telephone numbers for the cooperative are 1-217-774-3986 and 1-800-677-2612. Applications may also be obtained from high school guidance counselors.

Cooperative welcomes Troy Hatfield

Troy Hatfield began working for Shelby Electric Cooperative (SEC) on November 15 in the position of Senior Accountant. Troy was hired to replace Laura Cutler who accepted a position as Office Manager for M.J.M. Electric Cooperative in Carlinville, Ill. Troy comes to SEC with a strong accounting background with 14 years experience in the public and private accounting fields. He worked the previous 7 years in a similar position at Shelby Memorial Hospital.

Troy was born and raised in Shelbyville. Following his graduation from Shelbyville High School in 1992, he graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. In his free time, Troy likes spending time with family and friends. He also enjoys spending time on the lake and river during the warmer months. He looks forward to working with everyone here at the co-op. Welcome to the cooperative family, Troy.



Have you taken advantage of the Co-op Connections Card yet?

Did you know your Co-op Connections Card can be used at over 20,000 businesses nationally? Have you checked out the new and improved website yet? If not go to www.connections.coop or link to it via shelbyelectric.coop to see all the businesses offering discounts locally and across the country. If you are traveling for work, vacation or a family visit make sure you visit the website and see if there are any businesses along your route that accept the Co-op Connections Card.

Here is a list of local participating businesses as of December 1, 2010.

Assumption

- **The Knick-Knack Shoppe** 820-1168
10% off final purchase of non-consigned merchandise, excluding furniture.

Bloomington

- **Glass Specialty Company Inc.** 309-664-1087
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.

Champaign

- **Glass Specialty Company Inc.** 352-4258
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.



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- **Wireless Mike's** 356-9300
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Decatur

- **Creative Media Services, Inc.** 428-9950
20% off first hour of graphic design and/or consulting.
- **Glass Specialty Company Inc.** 429-2371
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.
- **Scotty's Pest Control** 422-9372
10% discount on all jobs.

Gays

- **Seal & Save** 273-4638
Free inspection of ductwork and 20% discount on all services.

Greenville

- **Enertech, Inc.** 618-664-9010
\$50 per ton equipment discount (max 5 ton) on GeoComfort or Paradise geothermal systems.

Macon

- **Macon Speedway** 764-3000
\$2 off regular admission ticket.

Mattoon

- **Wireless Mike's** 258-8771
50% off car cord or leather case when activating a new line or upgrading an existing plan.

Oconee

- **Hired Hands Services** 539-4218
5% off any carpet or resilient flooring.

Pana

- **Bland Heating & Air Conditioning** 562-4256
10% discount on service calls.
- **Merle Norman Cosmetic/Cut N Curl** 562-4722
10% off retail.
- **Pana Iron Store Co.** 562-2168
10% discount off retail purchase.

Peoria

- **Glass Specialty Company Inc.** 309-676-6181
\$20 Wal-Mart gift card with any auto glass replacement.



Pleasant Plains

- **Paul Tree Farms, LLC.** 414-9556 971-7876
10% off pines, spruces, maples and oaks.

Shelbyville

- **Barker's Balloonery & Bridal** 774-2588
10% off all balloons & gift basket purchases.
- **Best Wedding Chapel** 774-7809
A framed personalized wedding prayer with full wedding package.
- **Beyers Chiropractic** 774-5313
10% off vitamins, braces, pillows.
- **Bogart Vision Care** 774-4422
20% off eye glasses/sun glasses and 50% off second pair.
- **Carl Grabb Motors** 774-2165
Full service oil change \$19.95 plus taxes. Up to 5 quarts and filter. Excludes synthetic.
- **Coon Creek Lodge** 756-3147
10% discounts on kitchenettes.
- **Custom Care Cleaners** 774-3422
\$1 off every \$10, \$2 off every \$20, \$3 off every \$30.
- **Druby's** 774-5143
2 free medium drinks w/ purchase of any everyday Family Deal.
- **Just A Stitch** 774-2227
20% off regular priced merchandise.
- **Leach-Wilson Chevrolet Buick CO.** 774-3975
5% off parts and labor any day of the week.
- **M & M Crafts** 774-2609
10% off.
- **Macari's Service Center** 774-4214
10% discount on furnace/AC clean/checks. Card to be present at time of billing.
- **Merle Norman Cosmetic's & Boutique** 774-4233
Save \$2 on a purchase of \$25 or more.
- **Possum's Treasures** 774-1300
Free greeting card with \$10 purchase.

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REAL LIFE REAL POWER

I resolve to get around to it

How many of us make New Year resolutions but never quite get around to seeing them through? Guilty? I know I am. This year, I encourage you to get around to making changes in your home and lifestyle that will improve the comfort of your home, help the environment and hopefully save some money too. If you need a reminder or extra motivation, cut out the yellow, round “TUIT” and place it where you will be reminded to get around to it!



Now is the time to look and feel

for air leaks around windows, doors, outlets and switches. If you feel cold air blowing in, money is leaking out. Caulk, foam strips and sealers are inexpensive remedies available at your local hardware and home improvement stores.


When storing your Christmas decorations in the attic or basement, take a moment to shine a flashlight around the area. Is the insulation in place? Are there cracks and gaps that need sealed? Do windows or vents need repaired? Exhaust fans should be vented all the way to the outdoors,

NOT into your attic or basement.

Were new electronics and appliances added to your home at Christmas? If so, unplug and dispose of the former ones. Plug electronics into a power strip that can be switched off easily when not in use. Many electronics use power while turned “off” if they are actually in a sleep or stand-by mode.

Stay tuned. I will update you next month on opportunities for improvement (doesn't that sound better than *problems?*) that I have found in my own house. I resolve to get around to practicing what I preach!

— Marla Eversole, Member Services Representative



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

Feel around doors and windows for air flow. Adding weather stripping or caulk around a leaky door or window can lower energy bills by keeping your heating system from working too hard to compensate for air leaving your home.

Visit www.togetherwesave.com to take the interactive energy savings home tour.

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OUTAGE REPORT				
<i>LINE OUTAGES</i>				
DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
11/9/2010	0.46	Neoga	Unknown	65
11/9/2010	0.11	Yantisville	Planned work	116
11/18/2010	0.30	Moweaqua	Equipment failure	163
11/18/2010	3.20	Dunkel	Unknown	70
11/24/2010	0.55	Airport	Storm	75
<i>SUBSTATION OUTAGES</i>				
DATE	HOURS	SUBSTATION	CAUSE	MEMBERS AFFECTED
11/24/2010	2.45	Yantisville	Vehicles	762
11/25/2010	1.30	Dunkel	Power supplier	310