

TREWA Scholarship Report

Let's get the word out to our college-bound students: The scholarship contest is fast approaching.

Once again, thanks to your support, TREWA will be awarding 15 \$1,500 scholarships. We are proud to be able to offer these scholarships and help our members with college expenses.

TREWA Scholarship Eligibility and Procedures

1. Fifteen TREWA scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to CURRENT TREWA members and their children. Applicant or applicant's parent or guardian must also be a current member or an employee of a Texas electric cooperative or an employee of Texas Electric Cooperatives.

2. Grades received in high school will not be the deciding factor in the selection process.

3. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors, full-time college students, or adults who have been accepted as full-time students to attend any accredited college, university, junior college, community college, trade/technical school or business school of their choice.

4. Courses must be taken for credit toward a degree, certificate, diploma or license and awarded by the educational institution.

5. Judging is based on leadership qualities, career focus, personal need, energy awareness, essay content and general knowledge of the rural electric program.

6. The selection process will include, but not be limited to: (1) TREWA scholarship application, (2) three letters of recommendation, (3) current photo, (4) current cooperative electric bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, March 30, 2013, to be judged.

7. Half of the amount of each award will be made at the beginning of the first term or semester, and the second half will be paid at the beginning of the second term or

semester. For the scholarship payment to be issued, the student must submit to TREWA proof of enrollment and proof of full-time student status from the registrar's office for the current semester. Scholarship payments will be sent to the school the student will be attending and will be payable to the school. The scholarship MUST be used the first semester following the awarding of the scholarships

8. Should a recipient choose not to continue his/her education for any reason, the recipient should notify TREWA, in writing, at least 30 days before the beginning of the semester.

9. TREWA will award a scholarship to an individual only once.

10. Applications may be obtained at trewa.org or by writing: Lynne Erickson, TREWA Scholarship Chair, Houston County Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 52, Crockett, TX 75835; or by emailing lynne@houstoncountyelec.com; or by calling Lynne at (936) 852-7224.



President's Message

Time to begin preparing for the TEC Annual Meeting



Rickie Warren, President

Dear TREWA Members:

TREWA has had another sensational year. The totals are in and with everyone's support in helping with the purchase of raffle tickets, arts and crafts, and the silent auction, we raised over \$17,000. With this great success, we again were able to

donate \$20,000 to Rural Friends/ACRE, award 16 scholarships of \$1,500 each, and provide four T-shirts to each Government-in-Action Youth Tour participant.

We are so thankful to all who helped make this year's meeting such a huge success. We owe a special thanks to Texas Electric Cooperatives; CoBank; Scarbrough, Medlin & Associates; Techline, Inc., and Insurance Network of Texas for their generous donations to the \$1,000 gift cards we were able to give away. The winners were Kendall Montgomery (lucky winner of two cards!), Fort Belknap EC; Beth Geis, J-A-C EC; Dee Dee Lauterbach, Heart of Texas EC; Billy Marricle, San Bernard EC; and Steve Young, Hamilton County EC.

We want to again recognize several Texas distribution and G&T co-ops for their generous contributions to TREWA. The following cooperatives were Platinum-Level Sponsors (\$1,000): Bailey County, Bluebonnet, Brazos, CoServ Electric, Farmers, Grayson-Collin, Guadalupe Valley, Karnes, Lamb County, Magic Valley, Mid-South Synergy, Navarro, Rio Grande, Tri-County, Trinity Valley, United,

Wise and Wood County. The Silver Sponsors (\$500) were Bartlett, Big Country, Sam Houston, San Bernard, San Miguel, North Plains, Nueces, Taylor and Lyntegar. The Bronze Sponsors (\$250) were Bandera, Bowie-Cass, Central Texas, Concho Valley, Cherokee, Deaf Smith, Fannin, Fayette, Fort Belknap, Hamilton, Houston County, J-A-C, Jackson, Rayburn Country and Rita Blanca.

At the TREWA Annual Membership Meeting in August, we presented the Honorary Membership to Tracy Chandler, executive assistant/manager of human resources at Grayson-Collin EC. Congratulations and thank you for your extraordinary service to TREWA.

TREWA is now accepting nominations for 2013 Honorary Memberships. An Honorary Membership may be given to a person who has made outstanding personal contributions to TREWA. Our goal is to present at least one Honorary Membership at our annual membership meeting in August. Nomination is as simple as sending the name and biographical information of your nominee along with a description of his/her personal contributions to: TREWA, c/o Rickie Warren, Bailey County EC, P.O. Drawer 1013, Muleshoe, TX 79347. Please have your nominations in by March 15, 2013, to be considered.

Now that the new year has rolled around, we want to break the records that we established in 2012. Please begin making or purchasing items we can include in our arts and crafts sale at the TEC annual meeting next August in Austin. Our thanks and appreciation go to those who have contributed items in the past. The success of our sale depends on you.

Winners of the 2012 annual meeting raffle items

Group 1	\$500 Visa gift card	Lyle Wolz, Bluebonnet EC
Group 2	Flat-screen TV	Ronnie Swan, Southwest Rural EC
Group 3	iPad	Paula Cunningham, HILCO EC
Group 4	Academy \$1,200 gift card	Don Wehmeyer, Victoria EC
Group 5	\$500 Southwest Airlines voucher	Gary Coke, Guadalupe Valley EC
Group 6	\$500 Cabela's gift card	Mike Absher, Guadalupe Valley EC
Group 7	\$501 cash	Esther Wolz, Bluebonnet EC



TREWA Membership Report

Renew today and help TREWA support scholarships and Rural Friends/ACRE

By Christine Jouett

The TREWA Board of Directors would like to thank you for the continued support that is given to this organization.

TREWA membership is open to men and women of rural electric cooperatives. We encourage you to become a part of our growing organization as we continue to light the lamp of knowledge for the future.

Membership has its privileges. The children of TREWA members are eligible to apply for the scholarships that are sponsored by TREWA. Members also receive an edition of The Lamplighter, which is sent twice a year via email.

Regular membership price is \$10 per year and, to date, we have 598 members. Once again, TREWA is offering membership at \$5 per person to cooperatives that enroll 100 percent of their directors, directors' spouses and employees (or spouse of an employee). We would like to acknowledge and thank the cooperatives that currently have 100 percent membership:

- ▶ Heart of Texas EC from Group 2
- ▶ Rita Blanca EC from Group 5
- ▶ Taylor EC from Group 4
- ▶ Tri-County EC from Group 3

Renew your membership today by completing and returning the form at right. TREWA membership forms are also available at trewa.org.

TREWA Membership Form

Membership valid August 1, 2012, through July 31, 2013.

Membership: Renewal New Member

Membership Fees

Please check the appropriate dues assessments:

- \$10 (1 year) \$20 (2 years)
 \$50 Special Recognition Membership (10 years) in honor of:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Cooperative (spell out) _____

Relationship to cooperative:

- Employee Director Member
 Spouse of Employee Spouse of Director Other

Return

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Silent Auction, Art and Craft Sale Are a SUCCESS!

By Rickie Warren

TREWA's Arts and Crafts Sale and Silent Auction were huge successes this past August during the TEC annual meeting in Austin.

Many of you donated craft items for this event, and we appreciate your talents and all of the extra effort in supporting TREWA. To make our 2013 event even better, we again need for you to consider providing an arts and crafts item or an item that will have the members scrambling to bid on it during the silent auction. The proceeds continue to fund scholarships each year and also support Rural Friends/ACRE.

To send a craft item or make a donation to TREWA, please mail it to Bobbi Byford, Trinity Valley EC, P.O. Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142. You can also give your craft or silent auction item to any TREWA board member. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Your donated items help provide funds for TREWA scholarships and donations to Rural Friends/ACRE.

YES! I will donate a hand-crafted item to TREWA for the 2013 Arts and Crafts Sale.

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Item donated _____

Value amount _____

If you are unable to attend the TEC annual meeting and would like to donate a crafted item, please designate someone to bring your item for you:

Name _____

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The Texas Rural Electric Women's Association helps improve life in rural Texas by supporting education and fostering a unified understanding of electric cooperatives and the communities they power.

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