

The Lamplighter

TEXAS RURAL ELECTRIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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

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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.

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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 14, 2014, 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.



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President's Message

I've Made My New Year's Resolutions. What Are Yours?



Bobbi Byford, President

Dear TREWA Members:

I have started on my New Year's Resolutions—start that new exercise program, reorganize my office, take up a new hobby and start planning for the 2014 TEC Annual Meeting.

Ask yourself this question, where has this year gone? Take

a look back at your calendar and you will be amazed. Believe it or not it is once again time to begin planning for the 2014 TEC Annual Meeting event. The fundraising efforts in August were outstanding. TREWA raised over \$14,000 through the sale of raffle tickets, arts and crafts and silent auction items donated by TREWA members. The total amount raised with additional sponsorship funds came to approximately \$43,000. These funds made it possible for us to once again donate \$20,000 to Rural Friends/ACRE, award 15 scholarships of \$1,500 each, and provide four T-shirts to each Government-in-Action Youth Tour participant.

We want to raise the roof with thanks to Texas Electric Cooperatives, Techline, Inc., HILCO EC, Insurance Network of America, CoBank and Scarbrough, Medlin & Associates for their generous donations of the \$1,000 gift cards used for the raffle. The winners were Paul Kirkland, Grayson-Collin EC; Leo Henke, Fayette EC; Doug Criswell, Lamb County EC; Angie Turk, Deep East Texas EC; Troy Schoke, SEDC; and Patty Brown, Insurance Network of America.

Thanks again go out to recognize several Texas distribution and G&T co-ops for their generous contributions to TREWA. Platinum Level Sponsors (\$1,000): Bailey County EC, Bluebonnet EC, Brazos EC, CoServ Electric, Farmers EC, Grayson-Collin EC, Guadalupe Valley EC, Karnes EC, Lamb County EC, Magic Valley EC, Mid-South Synergy, Navarro EC, Northeast Texas EC, Rio Grande EC, TEC, Tri-County EC, Trinity Valley EC, United Cooperative Services, Wise EC and Wood County EC.

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Houston EC, San Bernard EC, San Miguel EC, San Patricio EC, South Texas EC, Taylor EC and Tri-County EC.

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One of the goals of TREWA is to award an Honorary Membership to a person who has made outstanding contributions to TREWA. TREWA would like to present at least one Honorary Membership at our annual membership meeting in August. Nominations are now open and it is as simple as sending the name and biographical information of your nominee, along with a description of his/her personal contributions to TREWA. Please submit by March 14, 2014, to TREWA, c/o Bobbi Byford, TVEC, P.O. Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142.

I challenge each of you to add this resolution to your list: Purchase one or more items that can be included in our arts and crafts sale at the TEC Annual Meeting next August in Galveston. As always, we thank each of those who have contributed items in the past, and I look forward to seeing how each of you fulfills this challenge so that you too may check this off your completed resolutions list.

Thank you again for helping to make our arts and crafts sale and other fundraising efforts a success each year and for years to come.



Time To Renew Your TREWA Membership

Memberships expire July 31, 2014

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. (this year, scholarship applications are being accepted through March 14.) 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 412 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, 2013, through July 31, 2014.

Membership: Renewal New Member

Membership Fees

Please check the appropriate dues assessments:

\$10 (1 year) \$20 (2 years)

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

Mail: TREWA
 Christine Jouett, Membership Chair
 San Bernard EC
 P.O. Box 1208
 Bellville, TX 77418

Email: cjouett@sbec.org

Fax: (979) 865-9706

Silent Auction, Art and Craft Sale Are a SUCCESS!

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 2014 event at the TEC Annual Meeting in Galveston 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 2014 Arts and Crafts Sale.

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Item donated _____

Value amount _____

If you are unable to attend the 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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www.trewa.org

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1-800-657-2445 ext. 224 or (936) 852-7224.
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TREWA Scholarship Application

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Completed applications must include:

1. One photograph (head shot only in JPG format) of the applicant and signed release
2. Three letters of reference for the applicant
3. Original application
4. Current electric cooperative bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.

Return to:

Lynne Erickson
TREWA Scholarship Chairman
Houston County Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 52
Crockett, TX 75835

I would like to apply for the TREWA Scholarship that is open to current TREWA members and/or their children.

Applicant's name _____ Social Security number _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Daytime phone _____ Date of birth _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____

Daytime phone _____

Total family income (Circle the range that best applies to your family.) \$0-\$50,000 \$50,000-\$100,000 \$100,000-\$150,000 \$150,000-\$200,000

Cooperative name _____

Type of electric cooperative affiliation (member/employee) _____

Is applicant's parent/guardian a current member of TREWA? _____

School presently attending _____

Address _____

Current academic standing _____

Other scholarships received

Major (if currently attending post-secondary institution)

List affiliations and activities, indicating any offices held, whether past or current, leadership roles and awards received. (Use additional sheets if needed.)

List any jobs you have held, past or current, and describe the nature of the work done. (Use additional sheets if needed.)

College you plan to attend

Include a hand-written essay (maximum length of 250 words) describing, at least, the following about yourself:

- Planned field of study and how it relates to energy/electricity.
 - Your goals (educational, professional and personal).
 - Your plans for the future (5 to 10 years from now).
 - Why you have chosen your particular field of study.
 - Include any other information you feel qualifies you for this scholarship.
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