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Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative

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\$2,500 In College Scholarships To Be Awarded

Basin Electric Power Cooperative of Bismarck, North Dakota, and Woodbury County REC in Merville, jointly announce a Scholarship program for 2011. Basin Electric will award one - \$1,000 scholarship and Woodbury County REC will award three - \$500 scholarships.

Who Is Eligible To Receive The Scholarships?

1. The applicant must be a student who is enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2011.
2. Either the applicant, or the applicant's parents or guardian, must be a member of Woodbury County REC and must be receiving electric service from the REC at this time. Children of members of the REC Board of Directors or children of Woodbury County REC employees are not eligible.
3. The applicant must be a United States citizen.
4. Past Basin Electric and Woodbury County REC scholarship winners are not eligible.

Prevent A Tragedy From Happening

Install child proof caps in any unused electrical outlets and make sure all cords are fully plugged in.



How To Apply?

Call the REC office at (800)469-3125 or 873-3125 and an application and complete rules will be mailed to you. Scholarship applications may also be picked up at the Woodbury County REC office in Merville. The completed application, and all required information, must be returned to the Woodbury County REC office on or before February 8, 2011. Applications sent by mail, which are received after the February 8th deadline, will not be accepted regardless of the postmarked date.



How Are The Scholarship Recipients Selected?

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges to determine the winner. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, community service and the applicant's educational and career goals.

Did you get a new appliance for Christmas?

If you purchased a new Clothes Washer, Refrigerator, Freezer or Dishwasher for Christmas, give the REC a call. You may qualify for a rebate.

A rebate of \$25 is available for new refrigerators, freezers or dishwashers and a \$50 rebate is available for new clothes washers. To qualify, all new appliances must be "Energy Star" rated. If you want a rebate on your new purchase, submit a copy of the purchase invoice showing what kind of appliance, not just a model number, your name, address, where purchased and the date of purchase. In addition, documentation of the "Energy Star" rating must be submitted. This information can normally be found on the yellow "energy rating" tag on the new appliance.

Energy Security - In Question Without National Energy Policy

In his report to Basin Electric's membership at Basin Electric's 49th Annual Meeting, Ron Harper, CEO and general manager, expressed frustration with all the uncertainty and disconnect in developing a clear energy future for this country. "I wish I could stand before you today and say that we have more certainty today, but we all know that isn't so," he told the gathering of rural electric representatives from around the Midwest. "In short, this nation has no long-term energy policy."

He said many attempts have been made to pass energy legislation, but have fizzled in process. "Without a definitive national energy policy, developing new generating facilities – whether it's a coal-based plant or a renewable project is more challenging than ever," he said. "We need a clear and solid energy policy that will create a path for domestic energy development including coal. Without it, the United States and our fellow utilities will put little substantial effort toward clean energy development."

**ALL home-grown
resources needed
for energy security**

Without a national energy policy, Harper said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will continue to move forward with increasingly restrictive regulations that will impact energy development and will bring future energy supply into question.

"EPA regulation will not deal with energy security. I've heard Congress and others talk about the importance of energy security. I couldn't agree more. We have domestic, low-cost and reliable energy sources right here in our country – from coal to wind to coalbed methane to natural gas and more," he said. "Yet, I see a tremendous disconnect here. We live in a country where we spend \$300 billion a year on oil that's going to countries who are on our "No Travel" list by the Department of State. This is the same country that is trying to impose stringent (EPA) regulations on a domestic source of energy to the point where it may be impossible to operate our existing units, let alone develop new coal-based units. And still, we continue to talk about our need for energy security. If energy security doesn't include a viable path for our home-grown resources, then what does this mean?"

The Recipe Corner



Banana Split Brownie Pizza

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| 1 – 20 oz. box chewy fudge brownie mix | 1 c. sliced strawberries |
| 1 – 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese | Chocolate syrup |
| 1 – 8 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained, reserve juice | Mix brownies according to directions and ingredients on the box. Pour onto a greased 15" pizza pan. Bake 20 minutes or until done. Cool. Mix softened cream cheese, sugar and pine- |
| 2 tsp. sugar | |
| 2 bananas | |
| 1 c. chopped nuts | |

apple. Add the reserved juice as needed for spreading consistency. Spread mixture over brownie crust. Slice bananas; toss in pineapple juice or lemon juice to prevent browning. Arrange bananas and strawberries over cheese. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Drizzle with chocolate syrup. Refrigerate. To serve, slice as you would a pizza. Serves 8 to 10.

Heating Equipment Rebates For 2011

Woodbury County REC encourages its members to use electricity efficiently. Helping them pay for new heating and cooling equipment is one way of doing that. That's why rebates are available for the purchase of new electric heat pump systems.

There are two types of heat pump, either air-to-air or ground source. The actual rebate amount would depend on the type and efficiency of the equipment installed. In addition to the rebate offered from Woodbury County REC, there are also tax incentives for the installation of ground source heat pumps through 2016.

Heat pump rebates for 2011 are;

- 1. Ground-source heat pump** - \$1,800 rebate per unit plus \$200 for one desuperheater. Units may be installed either in new construction or replacement of an older heat pump system. Open loop, closed loop and direct expansion models qualify.
- 2. Air-source heat pumps** – rebates range from \$400 to \$600 per heat pump based on the unit's "Energy Star" efficiency rating. Again, installation may be in new construction, replacement of an older system or add-on units.

As the qualifications to receive a rebate can become somewhat involved, it is best to call the REC for specifics before the purchase of any equipment is made.