

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



This spring, Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) will be awarding several scholarships to graduating high school seniors of member families through our Federated Youth Foundation Scholarship Program. The scholarship program is funded entirely from unclaimed patronage capital issued by the cooperative and from members who wish to donate their capital credits earnings to this program. Please contact CVEC if you wish to do so.

Each scholarship is worth \$500, and applications can be obtained from Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (cvecoop.com) or the student's high school guidance counselor.

CVEC's scholarship program began in 1998, and since its inception we have provided more than \$118,000 in scholarships to area students. An independent scholarship committee composed of retired educators judges the applicants based upon merit.

Eligibility will be determined according to the following criteria:

- The student must graduate during the 2015–2016 and be enrolled in a post-secondary program at a college, university, or vocational school.



- The applicant's parents (or legal guardians) must be members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, and they must currently be receiving service.
- The applicant must display average or above-average academic records.
- The applicant's family income will not be a deciding factor in awarding the scholarships.

To apply for the scholarships, eligible applicants must complete an application about school activities, leadership positions, community involvement, awards and recognitions. In addition, each applicant must write a 200-word essay about future goals and objectives, and the student's values and attitude on life.

The completed scholarship applications must be returned to the cooperative office by April 1, 2016. The applications will be reviewed by a special Scholarship Committee, and the scholarships will be awarded to the students at an honors ceremony or at graduation.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please call Nicole at Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative, 715.239.6800 or 800.300.6800.

COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

For the program period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, our utility offered the following Commitment to Community Programs:

Low-Income Program

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative collects Commitment to Community funds in accordance with current regulations and then sends funds quarterly to the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

Energy Efficiency Programs

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative collects Commitment to Community funds in accordance with current regulations and offsets the cost of the following energy programs:

1. **Dual Fuel Heating & Cooling Incentive Program**
2. **Water Heater Load Control Program**
3. **Lighting Incentive Program**
4. **Appliance Incentive & Customized Large Farm/Business Programs:**

Details on the different programs, possible savings, rebates, and credits are available online (cvecoop.com) or at the office. Audited reports of revenues and expenditures are available for member review at office. Procedure to review: Written request with member number, no longer than a three-day wait, and proper identification at time of review.



IT'S TIME TO SPRING FORWARD!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12.



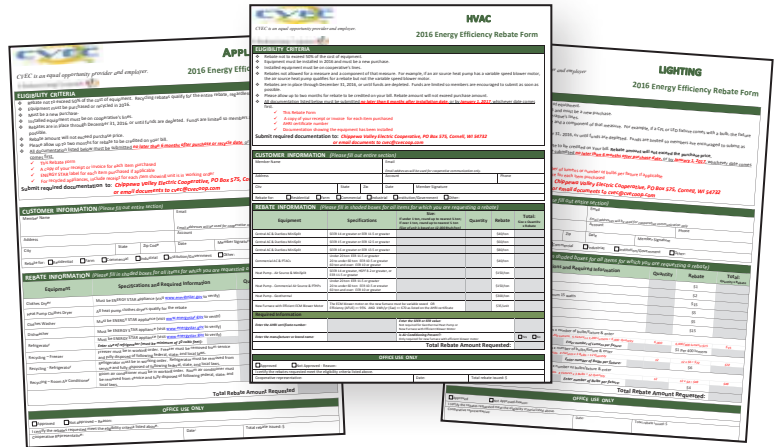
2016 CVEC ENERGY EFFICIENCY REBATES

Save with Rebates and Incentives!

Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative (CVEC) offers a variety of energy efficiency rebates to its members. Our goal for this program is to help our members make wise energy decisions by encouraging the purchase of energy efficient products.

To receive your rebate please go online to www.cvecoop.com/services/graphics/CurrentRebateForms.pdf to find our rebate forms and complete details of all available rebates, or call our office at 715.239.6800.

Listed below are the rebate offerings for 2016. If you have any questions please contact us via email at cvec@cve.coop or call our office at 715.239.6800.



REBATE RULES

- Equipment must be purchased in 2016.
- Must be a new equipment purchase.
- Installed equipment must be on CVEC's lines.
- Only active electric members of CVEC are eligible for these incentives.
- Must submit all requirements with completed rebate forms.
- Submit rebate form, invoice, and any other requirements no later than six months after purchase. Also, submit no later than January 1, 2017. Members are encouraged to submit as soon as possible to ensure rebate.
- Rebates are in place through December 31, 2016, or until funds are depleted.
- Rebates will be issued in the form of an energy bill credit. Please allow up to two months for credit to appear on your account.
- All rebates are capped at 50% of cost of item purchased.
- CVEC reserves the right to terminate all, or part of, this program at any time.

LIGHTING

CFL Lighting Incentives – Rebates Capped at 50% of Cost

- CFL Lamp – \$1/lamp
- CFL Fixture (Energy Star, hardwired) – \$1/400 lumens (see rebate form for calculation instr.)

LED Lighting Incentives – Rebates Capped at 50% of Cost

- LED Lamp Minimum 5 watts – \$2/lamp
- LED Fixture (Energy Star, hardwired) – \$1/400 lumens (see rebate form for calculation instr.)
- LED Technology Outdoor Fixture, Minimum 15 watts – \$15/fixture
- LED Exit Sign – \$5/sign

Other – Rebates Capped at 50% of Cost

- Occupancy Sensor – \$5/each
- Pulse Start Metal Halide – \$15/fixture
- T5 Fixture (multiply number of fixtures x number of bulbs/fixture to determine quantity) – \$6/lamp/fixture
- T8 Fixture (retrofit only – multiply number. of fixtures x number of bulbs/fixture) – \$4/bulb/ fixture

APPLIANCES

- Energy Star Rated Clothes Washer, Clothes Dryer, Dishwasher, Refrigerator (>= 10 cu. ft.), and Heat Pump Clothes Dryer
- Incentive is \$25 per unit, \$50 for Heat Pump Clothes Dryer
- Unit must have Energy Star rating to qualify
- Member must provide proof of Energy Star rating
- Must provide a copy of purchase receipt/invoice

Recycle – Receive an additional \$25 per working freezer, refrigerator, or window a/c unit that you recycle. Unit must be in working order and must submit proof of recycling to qualify for the rebate.

HEATING & COOLING

Ground Source Heat Pump Incentive

- Credit to member at \$300/ton of the system
- Must submit copy of invoice, model number, and AHRI certificate number

Air Source Heat Pump Incentive

- Credit to member at \$150/ton of the system
- Must be SEER 14 or greater, EER 11.5 or greater, or HSPF 8.2 or greater
- Commercial and PTHPs must be EER 11.5 or greater

Central Air Conditioners & Ductless Mini Split

- SEER 14 or greater or EER 11.5 or greater – \$40/ton
- SEER 15 or greater or EER 12.5 or greater – \$60/ton
- SEER 16 or greater or EER 13.5 or greater – \$80/ton
- Commercial AC & PTACs EER 11.5 or greater – \$40/ton

Other

- ECM Blower Motor (new furnace) – \$35/unit (AFUE >=95% and Eac <=670 kWh/year)

WATER HEATERS

- All water heaters must be on cooperative's Load Management Program to receive rebate.

Rebate Categories

- 50–79 gallons High Efficiency Water Heater, Energy Factor .90 or greater, must be controlled by CVEC's

- load control program. Replace Electric \$63/unit, New Service or Replace Gas/Oil \$193/unit
- 80–84 gallons or greater High Efficiency Water Heater, Energy Factor .90 or greater, must be controlled by CVEC’s load control program. Replace Electric \$169/unit, New Service or Replace Gas/Oil \$389/unit
- 85 gallons or greater High Efficiency Water Heater, Energy Factor .90 or greater, must be controlled by CVEC’s load control program. Replace Electric \$211/unit, New Service or Replace Gas/Oil \$461/unit
- Heat Pump Water Heater with an Energy Factor of 2.00 or greater – \$300/unit

CONSERVATION – Rebates Capped at 50% of Cost

- Flow Restrictors – Faucet (1.5 gallons per minute or less) – \$1 each
- Flow Restrictors – Shower (2.5 gallons per minute or less) – \$5 each

MOTORS, FANS, & OTHER AGRICULTURAL & COMMERCIAL INCENTIVES

- Ag Fans must be AMCA or University of Illinois BESS Lab rated
- Ag Fan – Exhaust: \$1/inch diameter (fans under 36" must be greater or equal to 18 cfm/watt)
- Ag Fan – Exhaust: \$1/inch diameter (fans 36" and over must be greater of equal 21 cfm/watt)
- Ag Fan – Circulation: \$1/inch diameter (fans under 36" must be greater or equal 18 ft-lbs/kW)
- Ag Fan – Circulation: \$1/inch diameter (fans 36" and over must be great or equal 21 ft-lbs/kW)
- Dairy Plate Cooler/Well Water Pre-Cooler – \$500/unit

- Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery with electric backup – \$300/unit
- Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer – 500 watts or less, insulated tank – \$50/unit
- Scroll Refrigerator Compressor – Maximum rebate is \$1,000/compressor – \$30/HP
- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) – Maximum rebate is \$1,000/drive; Minimum is 1 HP to qualify – \$30/HP

HOME PERFORMANCE

Energy Audit or Assessment

- Audit must be performed by a home auditor or Certified Energy Manager.
- Building undergoing audit must be on cooperative’s lines.
- Consultant will give the homeowner a series of recommendations.
- Rebate not to exceed 50% of cost of energy efficiency improvements, up to \$500.
- Recommended measures must be implemented in 2016.

Compressed Air Audit

- Rebate is limited to 50% of the cost of the audit, not to exceed \$500.
- Audit must be performed by a professional engineer or Certified Energy Manager.
- Building undergoing audit must be on CVEC’s lines.
- Audit must be performed in 2016.

Touchstone Energy Home Program

- An incentive of \$500 will be credited to member’s account after a qualified rater or inspector verifies and completes required documentation provided by CVEC. Must meet one of four program requirements listed on rebate form.

SMALL GESTURES BRING BIG RESULTS

It is truly amazing how small gestures can sometimes make a huge difference in our community. An example of this is Operation Round Up, in which many members of Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative participate.

In 1999 Chippewa Valley Electric established Operation Round Up, a program where members voluntarily allow their bills to be rounded up to the next whole dollar amount and the difference contributed to the Chippewa Valley Community Fund, Inc. The Chippewa Valley Community Fund then uses these funds to support individual and community needs.


Since 1999 Operation Round Up has taken in over \$87,000 and has distributed over \$80,000 to meet individual and community needs in the Chippewa Valley. These little gestures, averaging

about 50 cents per member per month, have made a huge difference. These members of Chippewa Valley Electric did this by simply contacting their co-op and allowing their bills to be rounded up to the next dollar, and other members can do this just as easily.

This effort truly represents a year-round “Spirit of Sharing” and deserves our thanks and our participation.

Please use the sign-up form below and return it to Chippewa Valley Electric. You may include the completed form in your payment envelope. Thank you!

Yes, I'd like to participate in Operation Round Up®. Please round my bills up to the next whole dollar.



Name _____

Account No. _____

Phone No. _____

Signature _____

Date _____



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Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov

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IMPORTANT OUTAGE INFORMATION

If you have an outage, please call
715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800.



When your power is out:

1. Check to see if electricity is off over your entire premises.
2. Check to see if there is power to your meter by physically walking out to your meter(s). If your meter is a digital meter and no numbers are displayed, then your power is out and you need to contact Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative. If numbers are visible on the display screen it is not a Chippewa Valley Electric outage; it is a problem on your end and your responsibility.
3. If you have a circuit breaker system, check that the breaker is not tripped. Push handle to "Off" position before flipping it to the "Reset" position. Be sure to check all breakers wherever they are located.
4. Check if fuses are blown and that they are secured in the holder.
5. Check with your neighbors to see if they have electricity. Knowing the extent of the outage will help find the reason faster. If the meter has a digital display, then you have power to the meter and the problem is within the consumer's electrical wiring; an electrician will need to be contacted to fix any problems on the consumer's side of the service.
6. The cooperative is allowed to perform service up to the meter. Any wires from the meter to your buildings belong to you and their repair are your responsibility. In most instances when the damage is to your wires, it is best to contact an electrician in your area.
7. When you've determined the outage is not on your wires, call the cooperative and give the following information:
 - Your name and the name of the person who is receiving service at the location. (Often we will receive a call from someone other than the person whose name the service is in and it is impossible for us to locate the outage.)
 - Your Chippewa Valley Electric account number. The account number is listed on the left side of your monthly billing invoice.
 - Cause of the outage, if known. This will assist the crews in locating the problem and restoring the electricity.

**To report outages, call 715-239-6800 or 1-800-300-6800
(Answered 24 hours per day, seven days a week)**

Please Note: A \$100 fee will be assessed if a crew is dispatched to the service site and the outage is found to be a consumer electrical wiring problem.



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