A Fresh Start

MESSAGE FROM
CEO/GENERAL MANAGER CLINT GARDNER

THERE’S A CERTAIN POETRY TO OPENING A PRISTINE CALENDAR each January. The clean slate, absent scribbled-in appointments and obligations, encourages reflection and a bit of personal accounting. Rather than lack, the calendar’s empty grid represents promise—the potential for a fresh start in a new year.

Of course, this month, that sense of possibility is accentuated as we embark on not just a new year but a new decade. It’s an especially opportune moment to think about habits and practices that we may want to change, maintain or cultivate.

At Coleman County Electric Cooperative, we like to take stock in the same way. Each year presents 365 (or 366 this leap year) new opportunities to earn our members’ trust and business, and January 1 is a good time for all of us here to think about the best ways to do that.

As you know, the co-op’s most fundamental mission is to provide you the best possible electric service at the lowest possible cost. That’s what our staff members—from employees at the front desk to warehouse personnel and from the engineering department to our human resources team and everyone in between—dedicate themselves to, year in and year out. For their dedication, I’d like to express my gratitude. All of them come to work each day with the safe provision of service to our members foremost in mind.

Our board of directors deserves a big thank-you, too. The members of Coleman County EC’s board have taken on the weighty responsibility of running a multimillion-dollar utility. The commitment they display in keeping up with the changing regulatory, technological and legislative landscapes that affect our industry is laudable. Decisions made by the board aren’t undertaken lightly, as directors know that the outcomes of those choices affect thousands of their fellow members. Their diligence is appreciated, and I strive every day to emulate their conscientiousness.

A final thank-you goes to you, our members, who make all our jobs possible. Your support and understanding when things don’t go right, and your input, whether as a suggestion, compliment or complaint, helps us do a better job for you.

Without you, there would be no cooperative. For you, for this co-op and for ourselves, you can count on us at Coleman County EC to do our best to be worthy beneficiaries of 2020’s bounty and promise.
CCEC To Award Scholarships to High School Seniors

COLEMAN COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE WILL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO 2020 HIGH school graduates who will be attending a college, university or technical school as a freshman. 

Eligible applicants must:
- Be a dependent of a Coleman County EC member.
- Reside with the member whose residence is served by Coleman County EC.
- Sign and date the application and have a parent or guardian sign and date the application.
- Submit a headshot (no selfies) with the application, which must be submitted through CCEC’s website, emailed to coriann@colemanelectric.org or mailed to the co-op’s office.

Selection of Winners
Eligible applicants will be designated by the cooperative. Each application will be reviewed by the CCEC Board of Directors, and the board will choose one applicant from each district to receive a $1,000 scholarship, payable to the awardee’s qualifying college, university or technical school.

Scholarship winners must show proof of registration as a full-time student and provide the cooperative with the name, address and phone number of the school they are going to attend, as well as the student’s identification number assigned by the institution.

Applications are available on the CCEC website, colemanelectric.org, and at our office at 3300 N. Highway 84 in Coleman. Applications must be submitted no later than April 3. Contact CoriAnn Carrillo at (325) 625-2128 for any questions concerning the application.

Students: Apply Now!

Youth Tour application deadline is February 19

APPLY NOW FOR THE GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR, AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID trip to Washington, D.C., June 17–26, sponsored by Coleman County Electric Cooperative and organized by Texas Electric Cooperatives. February 19 is the deadline to enter for a chance at this trip of a lifetime.

Youth Tour is an action-packed trip to Austin and the U.S. capital with more than 150 of your peers and chaperones from across Texas. You’ll visit Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, memorials and more. Activities include seeing a performance at the Kennedy Center and meeting elected officials.

Eligible entrants must:
- Be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade.
- Be a dependent of a CCEC member with permanent resident status in the co-op’s service area.
- Apply online at colemanelectric.org by February 19.

Approved applicants will be invited to answer two interview questions in front of a panel of judges:
- If you had the opportunity to change one thing about your school or community, what would it be and why?
- If you were to start a cooperative, what kind would it be and what would it offer?

For questions about Youth Tour, contact CCEC at (325) 625-2128.