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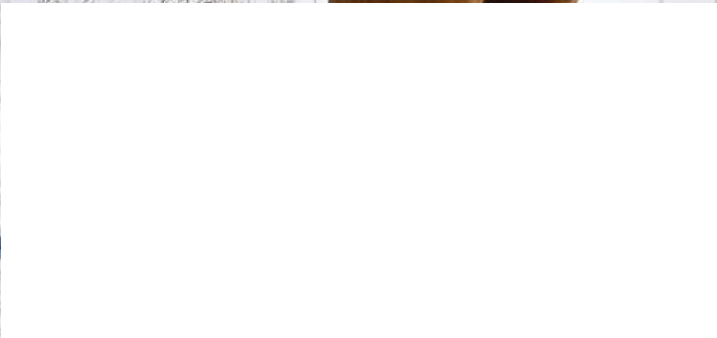


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PAPERS DUE MARCH 14



# INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

## Candidate nomination papers due March 14

Taylor Electric Cooperative's 86th annual meeting will be held at the Stetsonville Centennial Center in Stetsonville on Tuesday, June 28 (inside or outside to be determined). One of the most important duties of the members at this meeting will be to elect members to fill two seats on the board of directors. The bylaw provision for nominating a member to serve on the board is as follows:

*Section 3. Nomination and Election of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint a nominating committee in time to allow the committee to meet at least ninety (90) days before the date of the annual meeting of the members, at which directors are to be elected. The nominating committee shall consist of three members. Nominations may also be made by petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members received at the Cooperative's headquarters not less than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. Election shall be by majority vote for each director position.*

*Election shall be by a singular ballot for all open seats, with each member casting votes for the same number of candidates as there are seats up for election. The candidates with the highest number of votes shall be elected to the open seats in order, by length of the open term.*

The board was to appoint the Nominating Committee for the 2022 annual meeting at the February meeting.



JoAnn Smith



Lisa Kohn

At the 2022 annual meeting, there will be elections for two board seats. JoAnn Smith holds one seat and has reached term limits and is not eligible for re-election. Lisa Kohn is filling the seat vacated by Jeff Albers and is eligible for re-election.

To be on the ballot for election to the board, a member needs to be nominated by the Nominating Committee, or be nominated by petition, which involves getting signatures of not less than 25 members and delivering that nomination petition to the co-op not less than 60 days prior to the annual meeting (by April 29, 2022, for the upcoming annual meeting.)



Kenneth Ceaglske,  
President/CEO

## ARE YOU READY TO SERVE?

In one of the most notable inaugural speeches given, John F. Kennedy spoke his famous words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." His inspiring words urged

Americans to take actions that benefited the greater good. In essence, Kennedy was saying our country thrives when we all contribute our talents to the common good.

On a smaller scale, I think the same can be said about our co-op, specifically with regard to our board members. Taylor Electric's board members are community-minded individuals with a variety of skill sets. Our board is made up of farmers, business owners, and local community leaders. We rely on their many talents to help us make informed decisions on long-term priorities and investments. Our directors live right here in the co-op's service area, and we consider them the eyes and ears of the community because they provide their perspective on important community issues.

We recognize it takes many people with different skills to create a well-rounded board that can represent the full spectrum of our community. That's why when we're seeking new directors, we want folks with diverse perspectives, experience, expertise, and views. We're seeking local members of our community who can apply their unique talents to benefit all our friends and neighbors. But above all else, we're looking for folks who love our community and want to see it thrive now and in the future.

### What does it mean to serve on the board?

Serving on Taylor Electric's board means you're making a difference locally, using your individual talents and perspective to guide big decisions about the co-op that in turn benefit the larger community. While day-to-day decisions are made by co-op staff, major decisions are made by the board, whose mission is to look out for the vitality of the co-op and the community it serves. On a granular level, Taylor Electric board members typically provide input and guidance on:

- budgets
- co-op goals and direction
- co-op's community/charitable contributions
- capital investments and upgrades in equipment and technology
- renewable investments and energy mix
- co-op's role and involvement in economic development

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In addition, some Taylor Electric board members also participate in local, regional, and national industry-related boards, influencing policy and action well outside our local area.

The energy industry is undergoing a major transition. Technology advancements and increased consumer preference for more renewable energy are driving change. Taylor Electric is facing big decisions, and board members have an opportunity to help chart a course for our future. To serve the community best, we need input from a wide range of people who represent the broad spectrum of views within our community.

**Opportunity to serve** Taylor Electric's board elections will be held at the annual meeting in June. There will be two seats up for election. One is currently held by JoAnn Smith, who terms out this year and will be unable to run. The other seat is held by Lisa Kohn, who is eligible for re-election. If you have interest in running for the board, please contact me, one of the board members, or one of the nominating

committee members that was to be named at the end of February.

While you don't need to be an expert in electricity or business to run, you do need to have a passion for the community and a willingness to actively serve and learn. We're looking for individuals who can represent the full gamut of the members we serve. Our board meets on a regular basis, and we offer specialized training opportunities to help board members make informed decisions. Board members gain a deeper understanding of the electric utility industry, the cooperative business model, and local economic development efforts.

Ultimately, our board is the community pulse for the co-op and helps keep us on the right track. We love our community and want to help it thrive. If you share the same commitment and want to contribute to the greater good in a tangible way, I hope you'll consider running for a board position.

To learn more about Taylor Electric's director election process, please contact me at 715-678-2411.

## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

When was your cooling system last serviced? Most manufacturers recommend an annual tune-up for your home's cooling system. March is a great time to schedule this service so you can beat the summer rush when the pros are busiest.

A qualified professional can check the amount of refrigerant, accuracy of the thermostat, condition of belts and motors and other factors that can impact the efficiency of your system.

Source: Dept. of Energy



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

*Here's a great opportunity you won't want to miss!*

Join other students from around the state at the Youth Leadership Congress, a dynamic and fun event sponsored by Wisconsin's electric cooperatives!

**July 12-14, 2022**  
**UW-Stout, Menomonie**

**There's no cost to you to attend!**

Just contact Taylor Electric Cooperative, 715-678-2411 by June 1, 2022 if you're interested.

For more information about the program, visit [www.weca.coop](http://www.weca.coop) and click on Youth Education under the Education tab.



**At Youth Leadership Congress, you can...**

- ✓ Learn what makes the cooperative model different and successful
- ✓ Identify and develop your leadership skills
- ✓ Discuss cooperative careers with professionals
- ✓ Be inspired by nationally acclaimed motivational speakers
- ✓ Run for a spot on the Youth Board, which plans the next year's conference and has the opportunity to attend the National Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., in the spring.



# WE'LL HELP YOU PAY FOR YOUR EDUCATION



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## Apply for scholarships by April 4

Taylor Electric Cooperative is awarding six \$500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Funding for the scholarship program comes from unclaimed capital credits.

Students living in households that receive their electric service from Taylor Electric and who will be graduating from high school in 2022 are eligible.

Final selection for the scholarship recipients will be made by the board of directors, with the cooperation of those schools involved. If you are interested, please complete the accompanying request form and return it to our office by April 4, 2022.

NOTE: The funds for these scholarships are derived from unclaimed capital credit refunds. Chapter 185 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides that unclaimed refunds may be used for educational and charitable purposes. Otherwise, they become unclaimed property and must be paid to the State of Wisconsin as such.

### Taylor Electric College Scholarship Application Request

Name

Name on Electric Account

Address

Phone No.

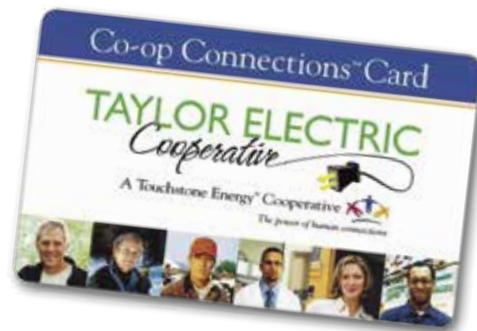
TEC Account No.

High School (or indicate if home-schooled)

*Return to Taylor Electric Cooperative, N1831 State Highway 13, Medford, WI 54451*

# SAVE MONEY WITH CO-OP CONNECTIONS

Your Co-op Connections Card is a free member benefit for Touchstone Energy cooperatives like Taylor Electric Cooperative. It offers valuable discounts at participating local and national businesses. Participating local business are listed below.



**Advance Auto Parts, Medford**

10% discount on purchases up to \$200.

**Broadway Theater, Medford**

Purchase any size popcorn and get a matching size soda for free.

**Glass to Go, Inc., Medford**

5% off in-shop windshield replacement. Buy one Rain-X Wiper Blade, get second blade 1/2 off.

**Jack's Auto Repair LLC, Stetsonville**

10% off exhaust repairs over \$50, 10% off any brake related parts & labor.

**Life's High Points Photography, Medford**

10% discount.

**Medford Health Mart Pharmacy, Medford**

20% off any Health Mart label.

**Meyer Auto Body, Medford**

5% discount on any body repair over \$500. Up to a \$100 value.

**Meyer Lumber, Dorchester**

5% discount on discountable items, excluding all sale and clearance items (cash sales only). Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discounts/promotions. Card must be presented at each purchase.

**Meyer Tire and Service, Medford**

\$5 off any passenger or light truck tire – not good in conjunction with any other coupons or offers.

**Napa Auto Parts, Medford**

10% discount on cash & carry items (excludes engines, engine kits, transmissions, oil labor & sale items).

**Northwoods Embroidery, Medford**

Free digitizing on embroidery. Free set up on first color of screen printing.

**River Country Cooperative**

Athens, Dorchester, Greenwood, Hamburg, Owen

10% discount on all dog and cat food.

**Ron's Auto Body Repair, Medford**

10% off for anyone over 55 or older on labor.

**Schierl Tire & Service Center, Medford**

\$5 off an oil change. \$10 off parts for service repairs.

**Stetsonville Lumber, Stetsonville**

5% off single purchase over \$500—not good in conjunction with other coupons or offers.

**Stetsonville Oil Company, Stetsonville**

\$5 off oil lube filter service.

**Strama's Self-Serve, Medford**

Buy one ice cream (cone or dish) and get the second 1/2 price.

**Subway, Medford & Colby**

50¢ off any sub or salad.

**Tallman Landscaping**

5% off labor on projects over \$1,000 – free estimates.

**Taylor Credit Union, Medford and Abbotsford**

Free rental for one year on 3"x5"x22 1/2" safe deposit box – new rentals only. Requires existing savings account or initial savings account with \$5 balance. Limit one per family.

**Turtle Bay Gardens, LLC, Medford**

10% off purchase.

**Wanke Builders, Medford**

Free foundation waterproofing on new home purchase.

**Willow Cottage Pet Grooming, Medford**

\$5 off full groom service.

## Co-op Connections Profile

Welcome to Turtle Bay Gardens LLC, Medford, our newest Co-op Connections participating business! Owner Melissa Schultz offers fresh, local, seasonal cut flowers. "Local doesn't mean boring!" Melissa says. "Our bouquets are packed full of fresh, seasonal blooms grown right here in the Medford area near Sackett Lake. We source the highest quality seeds, bulbs, tubers, rhizomes, and more to bring you old-time favorites that will evoke memories of walking in Grandma's garden to newly released." [www.turtlebaygardens.com](http://www.turtlebaygardens.com)



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