

# Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



The power of human connections

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## Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative celebrates 10 years

This month, Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative celebrates its 10th year of service, serving more than 7,000 cooperative members in rural areas of Central Ohio.

In January of 1999, a merger between Marion Rural Electric and United Rural Electric allowed the two electric distribution cooperatives to save on costs while boosting responsiveness and overall service for members. The

two co-ops began in Marion and Hardin counties in the mid to late 1930s, starting out with little more than 200 members each.

In the following years, the success of the cooperative's approach to providing affordable and reliable electricity has allowed the territory to expand to several thousand members in parts of 10 counties. With rich histories of more than 70 years and a record of putting the member first, Mid-Ohio Energy members shouldn't be surprised to enjoy one of the most reliable electric systems in the state.

When the two cooperatives joined in 1999, deregulation of the electric industry was a main concern. Ohio co-ops chose to take a "wait, watch and learn" approach to deregulation. The decision proved to be a wise one — a competitive market never developed and a reregulation process has since been enacted in the state.

Today, the industry confronts a new challenge of keeping electricity affordable and reliable in the face of upcoming climate change legislation. Individuals will play

an important role in helping our representatives strike the proper balance as legislation is developed.

Mid-Ohio Energy has been active to take on this new challenge. Our members own the distinction of having the highest percentage of participation in ACRE's Co-op Owners for Political Action program in the country. The mark is a testament to the strength of the cooperative's combined resources and our members' dedication to take an active role in their power.

Looking ahead to the new year, Mid-Ohio Energy will continue to improve overall quality of service. Plans include upgrades to the St. Rte. 31 substation, further deployment of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) equipment, ongoing line construction and maintenance projects, continuation of the CFL exchange program and introduction of the Co-op Connections® discount card.

In addition, we will continue to remain committed to the principles that make electric cooperatives unique.

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Marion  
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### OFFICE HOURS

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Line Crew	Jared Robinson
Barry Boes	Marvin Sallee
Kent Driskill	Aric Stover
Dan Lucas	Office Crew
Casey Ledley	Carol Emptage
Kip Luikart	Sue Lessig
Chris Napier	Kim Middleton
Aaron Newland	Ellen Ramage
Todd Phillips	Kathy Sherman
Bob Reel	Karen Sutherland

**Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative wishes you and your family a Happy New Year! As a reminder, the office will be closed on New Year's Day.**

Emergency service is available  
24 hours a day.

**Kenton area: 419-673-7289  
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# Newland graduates from lineman apprentice school

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative lineman Aaron Newland graduated from Marion Technical College (MTC) apprentice linemen's training program. Aaron joined Mid-Ohio Energy as an apprentice lineman in September of 2004. He went right to work on schooling — starting the MTC program the following month. Newland was a part of the first class to graduate from the new program offered at MTC.

The four-year program allows students to attend classes while they work for their respective employers. Coursework takes place in both the classroom as well as in working environments. The linemen learn new technologies and how to use them, they practice and strengthen their skills for climbing poles with gaffs and body belts, gain experience setting up job sites, and are taught to ensure safety in all aspects of the job.

When asked about the program, Newland states, "Working with students from across the state from other co-ops and electric utilities gave me the insight to how they do things on their systems. The lead instructor, Dwight Miller, was a great teacher and I was able to learn a lot from the program."

Along with his certificate of completion of the Line Erector Apprentice curriculum, Aaron will receive a Journeyman Card from the state of Ohio. Following his graduation, Aaron earned his "Class A" lineman designation from Mid-Ohio Energy.

"This is a great opportunity for Aaron and the other linemen because they learn from each



Mark Terrill, Director of Operations presents Aaron Newland with his graduation certificate.

other," said Mid-Ohio Energy's Director of Operations Mark Terrill. "This is the first training of its kind for new cooperative linemen. We used to train on the job, and the new workers learned how to do things only one way.

"The classroom aspect of the MTC program trains students on the mathematics and theory of electricity. It really helps give them the edge when it comes to troubleshooting problems."

Terrill also noted that Mid-Ohio Energy currently has four additional linemen enrolled in the program and scheduled to graduate this spring. This provides continuity for the new linemen in the program.

Mid-Ohio Energy would like to congratulate Aaron on his accomplishment and thank him for his service to the cooperative.

## New members for October and November 2008

Darrell Barker	Margaret Miller	William C. Conover	Bradley Miley
Barbara L. Burk	D. Michelle Morlock	Carol Ann Cummins	Lillian Mitchell
Donald Castle	Micheal A. Moyer	Donald Dean	Don Morrison
Eddie A. Cimini	Sondra Pitts	Delong Farms	Michael J. Nickelson
Vonda Cockerell	Jacqueline Price	Donna Fay	John Oates
Rebecca Cummins	Laura A. Reeder	Carl Gannon	Craig Overly
Julianne Dearing	Kama Roberts	Jennifer Harsh	Michelle L. Prater
Linda L. Dearth	Joyce Ross	Timothy Hersman	Elizabeth Price
Detling Farms Inc.	Randall Sellers	Ashley Huffine	Trevor Provoast
Gary Dunham	D. Craig Thompson	Jessie Ickler	Rick Reed
Michael L. Eversole	Lesa Thompson	Jeanne Heberling	Nestor Rivera
Patrick Glaze	Corina I. Tippie	Daniel Jividen	Ray Roach
Chad Gossard	Brandon Yates	Kareff & Arnold Realty	Jennifer L. Schaeffer
David Hall	James R. Zeller	Erma Keener	Shanon Sisson
Nicholas T. Heil	Jessica Baker	William J. Kincaid	Greg L. Smith
Andrea Lynn Helton	Rhonda Barlow	Sharon Kock	Kevin Tilley
Phil Heminger	Aaron Blackledge	Catrishia Larson	Walter Mortgage Co.
Michael King	Michael Blevins	Jeri Lawrence	Brenda Watson
Amanda Lozier	Bonnie J. Booher Campbell	Caroline Leichner	Corey Watts
Travis Mayse	Diane Ciolek	Michael H. McCardle	Deborah Williams
Earl E. Miller	Ken Coffee	Jason Melillo	Vickie Wells

## Enjoying the cooperative difference

The Co-op Connections Card is coming to members of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative. Look for more information to come in future issues of *Country Living*.

For a sneak preview of the Connections' Card, log onto [www.connections.coop](http://www.connections.coop)



Mark your calendar — Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. has set April 14 as the date for your Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important annual event. The meeting will be held at the River Valley High School Auditorium in Marion. Look for more information in future issues of *Country Living*.

### THE SMART CHOICE. MAKE THE SWITCH AND THE BULBS ARE FREE.

"The Switch is On" at your electric cooperative. You can switch your inefficient incandescent light bulbs to new, energy-saving CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs), and it's absolutely FREE. These ENERGY STAR® qualified CFL bulbs use about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer while still offering the same warm, soft light you're used to. So make the switch today — for you, your wallet and for the environment. It's the smart choice.



Bring in three of your old incandescent bulbs into our offices and we will replace them with a three-pack of CFLs. We will exchange up to nine bulbs per member.

Contact one of our offices today:

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## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If your parents are members of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc., you are eligible to apply for scholarships sponsored by Mid-Ohio and Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (OREC). Scholarships will be awarded in both boys' and girls' divisions by OREC and Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc.

**\*First place for each division, boys' and girls'**

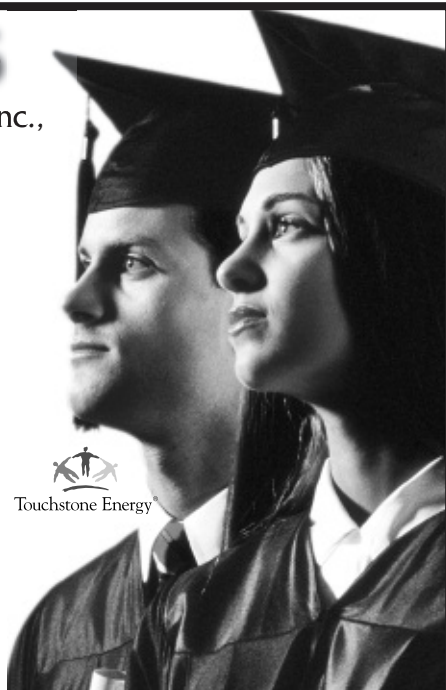
### OREC Scholarship

**First place** .....\$2,625  
**Second place:** .....\$1,835  
**Third place:** .....\$1,575  
**Fourth place:** .....\$1,470  
**Fifth place:** .....\$1,365  
**Sixth place:** .....\$1,260

### Mid-Ohio Energy Scholarship

**First place**.....\$750  
**Second place:** .....\$600  
**Third place** .....\$500  
**Fourth place** .....\$400

Here are the rules for the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc. scholarship competition:



1. Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal ward of an Ohio rural electric distribution cooperative member living on the lines and receiving service at the time of the statewide competition.
2. All applications must be submitted (typed) on forms obtainable on request from your participating local electric cooperative office or at [buckeyepower.com](http://buckeyepower.com).
3. All applications must be submitted to the office of that cooperative by the deadline date.
4. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper\*\* vocational or technical school entrance. They must have a current career average of "B+" (3.5 on a 4-point scale) or better and must be accepted, then enrolled (when they receive the award) in the accredited college or proper\*\* vocational or technical school of their choice.
5. Any applicant who has received a full-tuition scholarship to the school of his/her choice is not eligible for a scholarship from OREC.

6. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received by OREC.
7. Each electric cooperative is eligible to nominate two candidates (one in each division) to participate in the statewide competition.

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\*\*Proper vocational or technical schools must educate beyond high school and credits earned must be transferable to a state-accredited college.

# Touchstone Energy® Achievement Scholarship

*Did you overcome adversity, obstacles or personal challenges on your way to excellence?*

**Tell us about it, you may win a scholarship!**

You must be a graduating high school senior whose parents are members of a Touchstone Energy Ohio rural electric cooperative.

Four **\$1,550** scholarships will be awarded



One \$500 scholarship to the individual who is going to represent Mid-Ohio Energy at the statewide competition.

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**Rules:**

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is the son, daughter or legal ward of an Ohio rural electric distribution cooperative member at the time of the statewide competition. The applicant should be at a minimum in the 60 percentile rank of his/her high school class with a minimum overall grade point of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale).

2. Character: A Letter of Recommendation from an independent sponsor (school representative, church or community leader, etc.) that explains how the applicant's character has played a role in enabling him/her to succeed. Character traits such as integrity, innovation and accountability should be mentioned. Specific examples of situations that show these character traits and other strong traits are encouraged.

3. Special Achievements: A Letter of Nomination is required from a second independent sponsor outlining the nominee's relevant life experiences and traits which demonstrate determination in the face of adversity and/or com-

mitment to community. Consideration will be given to nominees who have overcome personal or family obstacles, demonstrated achievement through personal initiative, good citizenship, etc.

4. Nominations must be submitted on forms furnished by your local electric cooperative and submitted to that cooperative by their deadline date.

5. Submitted information will be the official nomination form, an official high school transcript, a Letter of Recommendation and a Letter of Nomination.

6. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper vocational or technical school entrance. They must be accepted in the accredited college or proper vocational or technical school before the award will be given.

7. Any applicant who, at the time the awards are made, has received a full-tuition scholarship to the school of his/her choice is not eligible for a scholarship from Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc.



**Check it out, sophomores and juniors...**

## Enter to win a trip!

**2009 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.**

**June 12 to 18**

See the treasures in our nation's capital. You can enjoy an all-expense-paid trip to

Washington, D.C. June 12 to 18 as part of the electric cooperatives' Youth Tour. Visit the Capitol, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts,

Vietnam Memorial, Mount Vernon, cruise on the Potomac and see many other fascinating places.

You will have a chance to meet and talk with your congressional representative. Best of all, you'll meet other students your age from all across the United States.

Your local electric cooperative will sponsor one or two students on this trip. To be eligible to compete, you must be a high school sophomore or junior.

For information on how you can be part of this trip, complete the form here and mail it to your electric cooperative today or call your co-op.

Yes! I am interested in hearing how I can be part of the trip to Washington, D.C. this summer.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore  Junior  – Male  Female

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**Application deadline – March 6**