



MID-OHIO ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

www.midohioenergy.com

Bill Pay - Kenton or Marion office, by mail or online.



Board of Trustees

Eugene Royer.....Chairman
Daniel Harris.....Vice Chairman
Don Bumgarner.....Secretary
Richard Kritzler.....Treasurer

Gene McCluer.....Trustee
Karl Marshall.....Trustee
Max Strine.....Trustee
John Thiel.....Trustee
Paul Trihaft.....Trustee

Employee Team

John Metcalf.....President & CEO
Mark Terrill.....Dir. of Operations
Gary Baker.....Dir. of Finance & Admin.
Don Fleming.....Accountant
Brent Burggraf.....IT Mgr./Office Mgr.
Tim Street.....Dir. of Comm. & Mbr. Ser.
Brian Barger.....Mgr. of Special Projects
Tracy Daughenbaugh...Operations Sup.,
Kenton
Gary Vanderhoff.....Operations Sup.,
Marion
Barry Boes.....Lead Lineman, Marion
Don Doersam.....Lead Lineman, Kenton

Line Crew

Kent Driskill	Casey Ledley
Dan Lucas	Kip Luikart
Chris Napier	Aaron Newland
Todd Phillips	Jared Robinson
Aric Stover	

Office Crew

Carol Emptage	Kathy Sherman
Sue Lessig	Karen Sutherland
Kim Middleton	Kerri Turner

Office Hours:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Kenton office: 419-673-7289
555 West Franklin St., P.O. Box 224
Kenton, OH 43326-0224

Marion office: 740-382-1234
2859 Marion-Upper Sandusky Rd.
Marion, OH 43302-9303

Call Toll Free:
888-382-6732



Test efficiency, reduce use with a home energy audit

When you have an energy advisor come to your home to perform an energy audit, you may be surprised by the big red screen he or she sets up in the open frame of your home's front door. But don't be alarmed — it's just a blower door.

Blower door tests are commonplace in energy audits because they uncover how much air leaks from your home. The "door" comes with a built-in fan and multiple gauges that measure air pressure. The fan sucks air out of your house, lowering the pressure inside. In turn, higher-pressure outdoor air will work its way through cracks and unsealed openings.

While it's important for your residence to remain well-ventilated, too much air exchange can be unhealthy, uncomfortable and expensive — in the form of higher electric bills.

"Blower door tests can be a vital part of a home energy audit," stresses Director of Marketing and Member Services Tim Street. "By identifying air leaks, we can identify ways for our members to save energy and money."

Sometimes, a blower door test is used in conjunction with an infrared scan. Infrared scanning, which is usually done in the winter, allows an auditor to find where insulation may be needed.

These special cameras produce images that, in varying shades from white to black, show where air or heat is leaking out. For example, cool air flowing around a leaky outlet would show up very dark, whereas a tightly sealed window would be closer to white. Other infrared cameras use color to show where heat is leaking from a home — red and white are the hottest areas, and blue and purple are coolest. A leaky window would glow red and white, while a well-insulated attic would be blue.

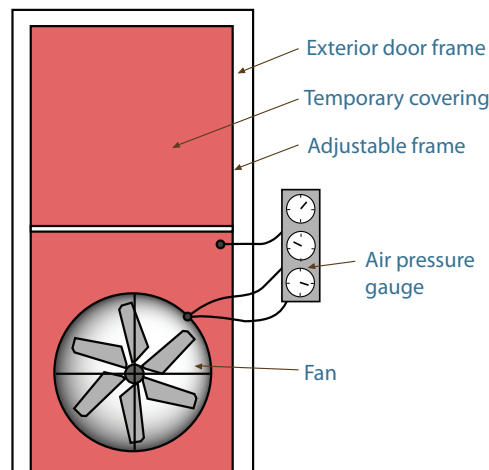
"Infrared cameras are a great tool because they pinpoint exactly where air loss is occurring," Street remarks. "The homeowner can get those areas sealed and start seeing savings."

Mid-Ohio Energy offers home energy audits for just \$50. Members are eligible to be reimbursed for the entire cost of the audit with proof that efficiency changes have been made. Contact our offices today to see if an energy audit would be beneficial to your home.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy (EnergySavers.gov)

Testing efficiency with a blower door

Many home energy audits involve use of a special diagnostic tool called a blower door. The device confirms the air tightness of a home by drawing out air with a massive fan mounted on an exterior door. The drop in interior pressure causes outside air to rush in through areas like inefficient window seals, for example.



Annual Meeting 2011: Plan to attend!

This year's annual meeting will be held on April 12 in the auditorium at River Valley High School. Each year Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative holds an annual meeting of members. If you haven't attended one in the past, you may be wondering why we have an annual meeting.

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative is owned and democratically controlled by its members. This unique principle of "one member – one vote" separates Mid-Ohio Energy from the investor-owned utilities. Mid-Ohio Energy holds this meeting for the purpose of electing board members, sharing reports of the previous fiscal year and attending to additional business that may arise.

Cooperative members have an important role in the future of the power industry. Attending the annual meeting is a great way to stay informed regarding the important legislative issues that could affect the cooperative in the future. The meeting is also a way to become aware of the energy-efficient programs the cooperative has to offer and to meet the people who work hard for the member-owners on a daily basis. It provides an opportunity to socialize with neighbors, catch up with friends and meet new members. Please plan to attend and take part in this important process. For additional information regarding this year's meeting, check your local pages in upcoming issues of *Country Living*.



Co-op Service Awards

Individuals honored for time at Mid-Ohio

Mid-Ohio Energy took time in December to recognize 10 individuals for their service to the cooperative. The group's combined experience totals more than 140 years.

Service awards are given to employees and trustees for every five years of service to the cooperative. Mid-Ohio Energy would like to congratulate these individuals and thank them for their hard work over the years.

Employees

- Carol Emptage**, Customer Service Representative – Marion (30 years)
- Don Fleming**, Accountant – Kenton (20 years)
- Gary Baker**, Director of Finance – Kenton (10 years)
- Casey Ledley**, Class A Lineman – Kenton (5 years)
- Kip Luikart**, Class A Lineman – Marion (5 years)
- Chris Napier**, Class A Lineman – Marion (5 years)
- Jared Robinson**, Class A Lineman – Marion (5 years)
- Aric Stover**, Class A Lineman – Marion (5 years)

Trustees

- Karl Marshall**, District 2 Trustee (30 years)
- Gene McCluer**, District 7 Trustee (25 years)



Mid-Ohio Energy Employees honored include (back row, from left) Aric Stover, Chris Napier, Carol Emptage, Don Fleming, (front row) Kip Luikart, Gary Baker and Casey Ledley.



Trustees Karl Marshall and Gene McCluer were recognized for serving on the cooperative's board.

New members for December 2010

Aaron Acheson	Ronald L. Hartley	Carol Maag	Robert C. Pugh Jr.	Norman Szewczyk
Robin Brose	Nancy L. Hoel	Brandon A. McClure	Camacho Apolinar Ramirez	Arielle Thiel
Lori Collins	Linda Howard	Jacob McEvoy	Ashley Roberts	Rebecca S. Thiel
Timothy L. Cozad	Alisha Kimmell	Jason W. Minich	Lucas Rowe	Wells Fargo
Kristin Dyer	Virginia Lee	Harold Parks	Alex Sautter	
Keaton Fetter	Donna Lowther	Nickolas Parr	Lynette Schwartz	
Scott T. Gillifan	Andrea L. Lyon	Amanda A. Phipps	Sherrie Sims	

Use your Co-op Connections Card for local and national discounts.
If you need a replacement card, please call our offices.

Co-op Connections® Card



Kenton Ace Hardware
15% discount w/ card



LF IT Services
\$10 off computer repair



Tons of Fun Travel
\$25 discount on 5-night packages that include airfare



Adkins Dairy Queen
\$3 off ice cream cake



The Plaza Inn
5% food discount



Marion Flower Shop
10% off in-store



Advance Auto Parts
Online deals



Travelodge
Save on room rates

Visit www.midohioenergy.com for a full list!



High School Sophomores and Juniors: You could win the Trip of a Lifetime!

What is Youth Tour?

It's not just another trip! Youth Tour is an annual contest sponsored by the Ohio Rural Electric Cooperatives, Inc., and your local electric cooperative that gives deserving high school sophomores and juniors like you the opportunity to use your knowledge and wit to compete for a FREE weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., June 10 to 16.

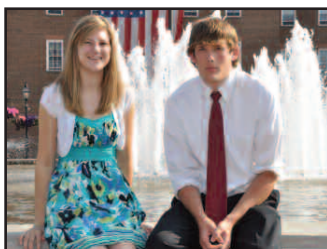
You'll meet up with nearly 1,500 students from across the country in June if you win. You'll get a chance to meet and talk to congressional leaders from Ohio at the U.S. Capitol, plus you'll get to see all the sights and visit a bunch of really cool places.

What are the entry requirements?

You must be a high school sophomore or junior, and your parents or legal guardian must be members of an Ohio electric cooperative. Selected students should be energetic and eager to make the most out of this fun opportunity to learn.

How will the finalists be chosen?

Send this coupon to your local electric cooperative for its rules and judging criteria. Applications are due by March 11.



Yes! I am interested in hearing how I can be part of the Youth Tour 2011 to Washington, D.C., this summer.

Name: _____

Address: _____

ZIP: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Sophomore Junior

Male Female

Mail to:

Mid-Ohio Energy
555 W. Franklin St. • P.O. Box 224
Kenton, OH 43326-0224

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.

Applications are due to Mid-Ohio Energy's offices by March 4.

Four **\$1,675** scholarships will be awarded



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 their high school class with a minimum overall grade-point average 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 commitment 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 the cooperative by its 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.

High School Seniors

Are your parents members of an electric cooperative?

You could win a college, vocational or technical school scholarship of: **\$2,810***

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 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.
3. All applications must be submitted to the office of your cooperative by its 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 their 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.

For information, contact:

Marion Office: 2859 Marion-Upper Sandusky Rd.
Marion, OH 43302-9303 ● Phone: 740-382-1234

Kenton Office: 555 W. Franklin St. ● P.O. Box 224
Kenton, OH 43326-0224 ● Phone: 419-673-7289



Contact your electric cooperative for details on how you can enter...

OREC Scholarship

- First place:\$2,810
- Second place: ...\$1,965
- Third place:\$1,685
- Fourth place:\$1,570
- Fifth place:\$1,460
- Sixth place:.....\$1,345
- Seventh place:..\$1,225

Mid-Ohio Energy Scholarship

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

Send applications to Mid-Ohio Energy. Applications due by March 4.

*First place for each division, boys' and girls'
**Proper vocational or technical schools must educate beyond high school and credits earned must be transferable to a state-accredited college.