



## ***URECC Scholarships for Graduating Seniors***

In 2016, Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative will award scholarships to graduating seniors living at the residence of their parents or legal guardians who are active members of URECC. Upshur Rural strives to provide quality service as well as provide a commitment to our communities.

One example of our dedication and commitment to education is our URECC College Scholarship Program that was established in 1999 when House Bill 3203 was passed by the Texas Legislature. This bill allows non-profit electric cooperatives to use unclaimed capital credit monies, previously collected by the State Comptroller's Office for the State General Fund, to be used to fund scholarships for students in rural areas.

The URECC College Scholarship Program, for graduating seniors in 2016, will provide:

\*Two (2) \$4000 scholarships, payable at \$1000 per year for four (4) years, paid at the rate of \$500 per semester (fall and spring).

\*Two (2) \$2000 scholarships for technical school, payable at \$1000 per year for two years, paid at the rate of \$500 per semester (fall and spring).

\*Thirty (30) \$800 scholarships, payable for one year at the rate of \$400 per semester (fall and spring).

URECC College Scholarship Applications are available from:

- 1) URECC's website at [www.urecc.coop](http://www.urecc.coop) (click on the Community tab, then Scholarships)
- 2) Your school counselor's office.
- 3) URECC Business Office in Gilmer during the hours of 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



The scholarships may be used for tuition, books and expenses at any accredited university, college, junior college and technical or trade school.

Completed applications must be received at URECC's Business Office by April 15, 2016. Any scholarship application not completed in its entirety, with all required attachments, will be disqualified.

The URECC Board of Directors Scholarship Committee selects the scholarship winners. The selection of scholarship recipients will be made in April and notification will be in early May.



## 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The URECC Board of Directors has set the Annual Meeting of the Members for Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. An official notice of the meeting will be mailed to each member of the Cooperative as required by the Bylaws. There will be entertainment and registration beginning at 12 noon. The business session will begin at 1:30 p.m. At the end of the business session, there will be a drawing for door prizes. The prizes will include electric bill credit vouchers and small electrical appliances. The mail in ballot door prize is a \$150 electric bill credit voucher.



### *RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENTS*

Right of Way Easements are legal documents that give Upshur Rural Electric and our authorized contractors permission to enter upon the Member's premises for any purpose incidental to the supplying of electric service. This includes maintenance, repairs, meter reading, removal or relocation of the meter, tree trimming and tree removal. The Cooperative requires access to all of its lines, facilities, and equipment during all reasonable times and at all times in case of emergencies. A Right of Way Easement form must be on file in our office before a service will be set.

### *RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE*

Tree trimming, and all phases of right of way maintenance, are essential to ensuring reliable electric service. This is particularly true in rural areas where trees and other vegetation are more dense. A major portion of electric interruptions are caused by momentary contact between power lines and tree limbs. Supplying safe and reliable electric service is a top priority, and our right of way maintenance program is vital in helping us meet that commitment to our Members.

### *RIGHT OF WAY—DEAD TREE ISSUES*

Contact our office in regards to dead trees needing to be trimmed or cut. If the dead limb or tree is near the :

**Service Line :** We will trim limbs only or we will disconnect the service temporarily by dropping the line for the Member, so they can cut them. The member is responsible to clean up any limbs or trees cut.

**Primary Line:** We will send a serviceman to determine if the tree is a threat to the main service.

We encourage our members to report dead trees as we would like to take care of these before they cause an outage during a storm.