

DEADLINE JANUARY 31

Apply Now for Walton Electric Trust Scholarships

Up to 32
\$4,000
scholarships will
be given!

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school senior or incoming college freshman
- 21 years old or younger
- Your home served by Walton EMC (electricity)
- Scholarship used at accredited college, university or vo-tech school
- For complete criteria, rules and instructions, download the application

WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Dedication to community
- Strong work ethic
- Extracurricular involvement
- Triumph over obstacles and hardships

Q: Where does the money for these scholarships come from?

A: Scholarships are funded from unclaimed capital credit refunds. After all attempts to find the owners are exhausted, the money goes into a fund provided for by Georgia law. No Operation Round Up donations are used for scholarships.



Get the application at waltonemc.com



where are you? Unclaimed Refunds

Take a look at these Walton EMC customer-owners who discontinued service. We mailed refunds of deposits and/or membership fees, but the Post Office returned them.

If you know someone on this list, please have them contact us at 770-266-2519.

Ali, Maano, A.; Bay Creek Builders; Brandwine Homes Ga. LLC; Bryant, Kiara; Conner, Dennis L.; Dasman, Nicole; DSJRB Enterprise LLC; Etion; Flowers, Nicolle; Foney, Jordan S.; Fowler, Kelsie L.; Gatewood, Astara; Godfrey, Tori; Gordon, Alicia; Green, Grady L.; Havenbrook Construction; Jackson, Nola; Jones, Patricia; Jones, Thomas J.; Martin, Thomas P.; Mercado, Valeska L.; Miles, Robert A.; Neto, Susan; Pope, Mark J.; Railey, Don; Reid, Chris M.; Rhynes, Shenika; Rivers, Diasia; Robinson, Maria; Rojas, Luis F.; Scott, Jane R.; Seymour, Denicia O.; Taylor, Dentis; Ventas Center Mob, LLC; Washington, Luther; Welch, Michele; Wilder, Leshann; Williams, Sakeenah; Wisell, Stephanie M.; Withrow, Avery K.; Woodhaven Auto Brokers; Yerby, Cheryl R.; Yos, Dara; 880.

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The news
you need to
know in
5 minutes!

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THE *Rundown* }

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on the back: trust scholarships, unclaimed refunds

BIG REFUND!

\$6 MILLION
COMING BACK TO
CUSTOMER-OWNERS

fast facts

REFUND AMOUNT:
\$6 million

TIMEFRAME:
Early December –
early January

ISSUED BY:
Bill credit (less than
\$500) or check
(\$500 or more).

YEARS REFUNDED:
1991, 1992, 1993,
2016

**ALL-TIME TOTAL
REFUNDED:**
\$93,571,000

Take a close look at your bill. We're making another big refund and chances are you're included!

refund q & a

Q: WILL I GET A REFUND?

A: If you had an electric account with us in any or all of these years – 1991, 1992, 1993, 2016 – you'll be getting part of the more than \$6 million we're refunding. More than 90 percent of current customer-owners are included.

Q: HOW MUCH WILL MY REFUND BE?

A: It depends on the amount of your electric bills – in other words, the amount of business you did with your cooperative – during those years.

Q: HOW WILL I GET MY REFUND?

A: For most customer-owners, the refund will appear as a bill credit. Look on either your December or January bill. Distributing the refund this way saves tens of thousands of dollars in printing and postage, which can go toward future refunds. If your refund is \$500 or more, you'll receive a check.

Q: WHY AM I GETTING A REFUND?

A: If you get electric service from a cooperative like Walton EMC, you own the company. It is self-defeating to make a profit. After paying down debt and establishing a reserve for unexpected events, we return the excess revenue.

Q: DOES GEORGIA POWER GIVE CAPITAL CREDIT REFUNDS?

A: No.

Q: WHAT IS THE TOTAL WALTON EMC HAS REFUNDED?

A: To date, the cooperative has returned \$93,571,000 to its customer-owners.



This refund brings to life the cooperative principle of member economic participation.



IF YOUR POWER IS OUT

770.267.2505

waltonemc.com > Report an Outage

FIND US

Phone 770.267.2505

In person Monroe – 842 US Hwy. 78

Snellville – 3645 Lenora Church Rd.

Watkinsville – 2061-D Hog Mountain Rd.

Web waltonemc.com

Facebook facebook.com/waltonemc

YouTube youtube.com/emctv

WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE

Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7

Contact Center > M–F, 7A–7P

Business Offices > M–F, 8A–5P



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770.963.0305 > emcsecurity.com



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exploring our LANDMARKS

How well do you know Walton EMC's service territory? Take a look around your co-op's 10-county area and you'll find some interesting, beautiful, historic and just plain cool spots. Some of the locations we choose may be hard to identify, but we think they're worth knowing about.

win a prize Guess the location of this scene found within Walton EMC's service territory. We'll draw from the winners of all correct guesses for a \$25 gift card.



email your guess with subject line "DEC. LANDMARKS CONTEST" no later than Jan. 5 to landmarkscontest@waltonemc.com for your entry to qualify.

SEPTEMBER WINNER AND LANDMARK: Tim McCart of Rutledge who correctly identified the Athens City Hall.

Give the Gift of Security

WITH EMC SECURITY'S SELF-INSTALL SECURITY SYSTEM



Easy-to-use keypad



FREE security camera



Full-service tech support from a company you can trust.

Professional monitoring starting at \$16.95 per month.

The holidays are a great time to give meaningful gifts to people you love. Nothing shows love to those you care about more than the gift of home security.

EMC Security's self-install security system is designed for professional monitoring, yet has the ease of installation and everyday use that appeals to do-it-yourselfers.

Your loved ones will love the gift of security:

- EMC Security's self-install wireless security system can be installed right out of the box and is flexible enough to fit any home and protect any family.
- Ready for easy installation in minutes (complete with simple instructions) including:
 1. A keypad that contains the brains of the system. This keypad allows for the addition of technology like remote interactive services (such as remote video monitoring) and home automation features (like locks, lights, and thermostat controls).

2. Three door or window sensors.
 3. A motion detector.
 4. A key fob – simply press a button to arm or disarm your system.
- Customize the system at any time according to lifestyle and needs with things like remote services, security cameras and home automation. The system fits perfectly with every stage of life.
 - There are no installation appointments or fees.
 - Take the system with you if you move.
 - Most importantly, this system uses EMC Security's 24/7 professional monitoring service and award winning, full-service tech support – starting at just \$16.95 per month!

As a special holiday gift for Walton EMC customer-owners, EMC Security is adding a free security camera with a video subscription and two-year service commitment.* Or you can opt for the no-contract option, an EMC Security customer favorite for almost 20 years.

You could put a DIY system from the big box stores under the tree for your loved ones. But we caution you not to trust your family's safety to anyone but a professional alarm monitoring company like EMC Security.

Visit emcsecurity.com or call us at 770-963-0305 today.

* Residential customers only.

Time to Renew Your GATE Card

The Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) card is issued by the Georgia Department of Agriculture to farmers and producers who are exempt from state sales tax on the inputs used in the production of their commodity.

Your GATE card is only good for one year and expires annually on Dec. 31. To continue receiving this sales tax exemption from Walton EMC, you must submit your renewed card to us no later than Dec. 31, 2017.

Apply for or renew a Gate Certificate
Visit forms.agr.georgia.gov/gate or call 855-FARM TAX (855-327-6829).

Send copies of the renewed GATE card to Walton EMC via:

MAIL Walton EMC
Attn: Connie Bentley
P.O. Box 260
Monroe, GA 30655

FAX 770-267-6479
Attn: Connie Bentley

EMAIL cbentley@waltonemc.com



New License Plate Available



Unveiled just last month, a new Georgia license plate both honors the hard and sometimes dangerous work of electric linemen as well as helps families of burn victims.

The new "Thank a Lineman" specialty license plate is now available at your local county tag office. Proceeds from the sales of the plate benefit the Southeastern Firefighters Burn Foundation.

The foundation assists families of burn patients being treated at the Doctors Hospital Burn Center in Augusta with lodging, meals and transportation. In addition, they also assist patients after discharge with services that help them regain independent living.

Happy Holidays! The board of directors and employees of Walton EMC wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.