

# Walton EMC's Youth Tour Now Accepting Applications

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Every year, Walton EMC sends four local high school sophomores or juniors to represent our co-op, hone their leadership skills and experience our nation's capital on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The experience is all-expenses paid!

Delegates from all across the country interact with our nation's leaders and see firsthand how government works. Don't delay – apply now!



Last year's Walton EMC Youth Tour delegates, from left, Abiseniya Lemma, Elise Karinshak, Presley Rowe and Kaelyn Kim spent eight jam-packed days seeing Washington, DC's iconic sights and meeting with our state's Senators and Representatives.

## TO QUALIFY

- Be a high school sophomore or junior.
- Live or attend a school in WEMC's service area.
- Have your parent's permission to enter.
- Commit to making the trip on June 8–15 if you win.

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS

1. Complete and send the entry form, parent's authorization and student commitment. Walton EMC must receive this by **5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.**
2. You'll get study material in the mail.
3. Study!
4. Take a written test on **Monday, March 5, 2018** on the study material.
5. The eight contestants scoring the highest on the written test will advance to a short interview.
6. Judges choose four winners and two alternates.

## GET AN ENTRY FORM

- Go to [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com)
- Email [jbroun@waltonemc.com](mailto:jbroun@waltonemc.com)
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## Winter Weather: Are You Ready?

Now is the prime time for ice storms and other severe winter weather that can knock out your power. Check these areas to see if you're ready:

- **Loved Ones** – Have a plan for patients who have a medical necessity for electricity.
- **Power** – If you use a generator, beware of carbon monoxide from the generator's exhaust. Get a cell phone charging battery. A power inverter lets you run electrical devices from your car's cigarette lighter.
- **Light** – Get flashlights and extra batteries.
- **Information** – Get a portable radio with extra batteries for local information and a NOAA weather radio for weather warnings.
- **Water** – If you're on a well, stock up on drinking water. If you have livestock, secure a stand-by generator.
- **Medical** – Stock adequate supplies of prescription medicines and a first aid kit.
- **Food** – Have nonperishable foods on hand that don't require cooking.
- **Money** – Have some cash on hand in case ATMs don't work.
- **Heat** – Use blankets, sleeping bags and extra clothing. Be careful with auxiliary heat sources.

Learn more at the **Storm Center at [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com).**

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## WALTON EMC GRANTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

# \$366,742

Schools throughout Walton EMC's 10-county service area have been empowered with grants to strengthen their instructional programs.

During the week of Dec. 4, the cooperative presented more than \$366,000 to 59 schools through 81 School EmPOWERment Grants in the program's second year.

"Participation in our School EmPOWERment Grant program greatly increased from last year," said CEO Ronnie Lee. "The awareness that Walton EMC seeks to foster the development of our most valuable resource – our children – is growing."

This year's grants bring the two-year total to almost \$670,000. The money comes from unclaimed capital credit refunds.

Capital credits represent the money remaining after Walton EMC pays its operational bills. Because the cooperative is owned by those who receive its services, making a profit is self-defeating. Leftover money (capital credits) is returned to the cooperative's customer-owners.

Customer-owners who move off Walton EMC's grid may be due capital credit refunds. In some instances, those checks are returned by the post office because of an incorrect address. After Walton EMC exhausts all efforts to find the rightful owners, Georgia law allows the money to be used for community development projects.

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–Ronnie Lee, Walton EMC CEO



Teacher Kristy Rogers of Rocky Branch Elementary gets the news that she and Teacher Sandy Bradshaw are receiving a School EmPOWERment Grant of \$4,394 for their Sharing with Seniors project.

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# 2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS



## Barrow County Schools

SIMS ACADEMY OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY  
**\$1,400** Michelle Beck, Performing General Electric System Services

## Gwinnett County Schools

BRITT ELEMENTARY  
**\$6,397** Kimberly Singleton, Putting the A in STEAM  
**\$1,999** Shannon Davis, Growing with Graphic Novels

BROOKWOOD HIGH  
**\$10,000** Valarie Dalziel, Deborah Browning, Common Grounds



CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,049** Reginald Watkins, Weather Station  
**\$7,024** Marla Parish, Classroom Libraries

COUCH MIDDLE  
**\$5,000** Rebekah Castner, Life Amplified

CRAIG ELEMENTARY  
**\$7,500** Chris Locke, Seeing Technology in Education as a Plan for Success

FIVE FORKS MIDDLE  
**\$8,140** Andrew Whatley, Collaborative, Project-based Learning

GRACE SNELL MIDDLE  
**\$5,000** Charles Walker, Math and Language Arts Readiness and Recovery

GRAYSON HIGH  
**\$7,647** Lara Larson, Solar-powered Hydroponic Garden

GWIN OAKS ELEMENTARY  
**\$8,176** Sharon Amolo, Extending Learning with Virtual Reality

HARBINS ELEMENTARY  
**\$5,000** Trisha Conner, Empowering Students through Project-based Learning

HEAD ELEMENTARY  
**\$5,734** Shann Griffith, Reading with Robots

MAGILL ELEMENTARY  
**\$4,935** Cherie Neal, Lokia Williams, Tackling Needs with Technology

MCCONNELL MIDDLE  
**\$3,258** April Turner, Gaye Walk, Reach Out and Read

PARKVIEW HIGH  
**\$16,362** Peggy Bergman, Eye Can See the Future is Now

PARTEE ELEMENTARY  
**\$1,198** Mona Brawley, Classroom OSOs  
**\$1,195** Lisa Mills, Ozobots for Robotics

PHARR ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,500** Dionne Howard, Chromebooks for Classrooms and Reading

ROSEBUD ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,500** Natalie Rood, Nonfiction Leveled Readers for Classrooms

SHILOH ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,000** Thomas Trippany, Angela Banks-Spain, Strengthening Technology

**\$4,895** Thomas Trippany, Angela Banks-Spain, Literacy Matters

SHILOH HIGH  
**\$5,000** Jamilya Mayo, Innovation Lab – Entrepreneurship Incubator

SHILOH MIDDLE  
**\$10,215** Eli Welch, Angela Banks-Spain, Technology Matters for At-risk Students

SNELLVILLE MIDDLE  
**\$7,955** Bryant Poss, Media Makeover

STARLING ELEMENTARY  
**\$4,500** Rachel Ernst, Chromebooks for Classrooms

TRICKUM MIDDLE  
**\$1,764** Jeff Schaefer, Ukulele Class

TRIP ELEMENTARY  
**\$1,218** Debbie Patrick, Aeroponic Technology Gardening

**\$1,515** Shari Ayers, AED for Gym

## Morgan County Schools

MORGAN COUNTY ELEMENTARY  
**\$805** Jennifer Evans, Room on the Go!  
**\$5,076** Lara Still, Lights, Camera, Active Learning!

MORGAN COUNTY HIGH  
**\$3,666** Meredith Holoway, Aim for Independence  
**\$1,231** Kaitlyn Butler, Tower Garden Installation

MORGAN COUNTY MIDDLE  
**\$4,008** Karisa Seymour, Band Instrument Purchase

**\$500** Rachel Harris, Building Math Mastery Through LEGOs



**\$2,500** Ginger O'Neal, Morgan Middle Makers

## Oconee County Schools

COLHAM FERRY ELEMENTARY  
**\$4,044** Bill Nelson, Compound Microscopes for the STEM Lab  
**\$9,499** Sandy Jungman, Bringing the World into the Classroom

HIGH SHOALS ELEMENTARY  
**\$5,194** Sally Robinson, Living Classroom Project

MALCOM BRIDGE ELEMENTARY  
**\$9,680** Krystie Hassemer, Give the Gift of Reading



NORTH OCONEE HIGH  
**\$995** Katie Wood, Signs of Suicide (SOS) Prevention

**\$2,500** Jamie Lucas, Graphic Design Student Production

OCONEE COUNTY ELEMENTARY  
**\$1,000** Soraia Santos, Parent Engagement Lending Library

**\$3,000** Andrea Alworth, Karin Andrews, Erin Carroll, Kimberly Green, Dee Waddell, Joy Tant, Resources for the Resource Teachers



OCONEE COUNTY MIDDLE  
**\$6,345** Jeff Thornton, Math Technology Integration

**\$1,700** Courtney Dorman, FACS Kitchen Update

OCONEE COUNTY PRIMARY  
**\$2,800** Wendy Harrison, Talk About It  
**\$2,617** Erin Tracy, Ingrid Hunt, Michele Freeman, Theologia Mataras, All Things Sensory Seeking Students Need

ROCKY BRANCH ELEMENTARY  
**\$4,395** Sandy Bradshaw, Kristy Rogers, Sharing with Seniors

## Private Schools

ATHENS ACADEMY (OCONEE)  
**\$4,300** Pat Cuneo, Luke Graves, Digital Art and Graphic Design

LOGANVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (WALTON)  
**\$529** Gina Hawkins, Outdoor Educational Play

PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (OCONEE)  
**\$6,610** Becky Callaway, STEM Lab Establishment

TNT ACADEMY (GWINNETT)  
**\$500** Keyana Gay, Science Supplies

**\$759** Shondrae Knight, Language Arts

WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (OCONEE)  
**\$8,000** Jared Clark, Classroom Interactive Projectors

## Social Circle City Schools

SOCIAL CIRCLE ELEMENTARY  
**\$6,160** Julie Benkoski, Pam Garrett, Ansley Jones, Jessie Moon, Stephanie Smith, Kayce Whitley, Using Technology to Empower Students with Special Needs

**\$2,550** Yolondias Colquitt, Parent Engagement Technology

SOCIAL CIRCLE MIDDLE  
**\$3,846** Tammy Lumpkin, Power in the Circle

SOCIAL CIRCLE MIDDLE/HIGH  
**\$13,722** Michelle Spell, 21st Century Library Media Center

SOCIAL CIRCLE PRIMARY  
**\$7,878** Eve Seawright, iPad Station Creation

## Walton County Schools

ATHA ROAD ELEMENTARY  
**\$5,375** Joyce Cordell-Huff, Mobile Technology Lab/Testing Center

BAY CREEK ELEMENTARY  
**\$2,043** John Smith, Mission Critical: Think Through It!

CARVER MIDDLE  
**\$1,000** Kath Kohler, Back to the Board Game Basics

**\$3,895** Bryan Shepard, Robotics Club  
**\$585** Erin McElroy, High-Interest Books for Reluctant Readers

HARMONY ELEMENTARY  
**\$1,440** Kelly McCance, Physical Education Equipment

MONROE ELEMENTARY  
**\$18,942** Zeester Swint, Playground Equipment



Walton EMC CEO Ronnie Lee, second from left, and Walton EMC Community and Youth Specialist Kathy Ivie, right, present Walton County School Superintendent Nathan Franklin, left, and Monroe Elementary Principal Zeester Swint, second from right, with a \$18,942 School EmPOWERment Grant for playground equipment.



Walton EMC CFO and Vice President Marsha Shumate, left, presents a \$4,136 School EmPOWERment grant to Monroe Area High School Instructor Barry Brazelton to help prepare students for technical college.



Brookwood High's Common Grounds, a coffee shop that teaches life skills to special needs students, gets \$10,000 for much needed improvements and modernization. Shown are, from left, Principal Bo Ford, Teacher Deborah Browning, program participant XXXX, Teacher Valarie Dalziel, Walton EMC Youth and Community Representative Jennifer Broun and Walton EMC Director Dan Chelko.



Vision-impaired students at Parkview High School will get updated equipment to help them succeed in their studies with a \$16,362 School EmPOWERment Grant. Presenting the grant to, from left, Principal David Smith and Teacher Peggy Bergman are Walton EMC Director Billy Ray Allen, Youth and Community Representative Jennifer Broun and Marketing Representative Cindy Haddon.



Principal Cindy Callaway and Assistant Principal Ken Cline, center, of Walnut Grove Elementary, accept a School EmPOWERment Grant from Walton EMC's Community and Youth Specialist Kathy Ivie, left, and CFO and Vice President Marsha Shumate, third from right, for their Great Big Book Giveaway Day.

