

Trust Awards \$160,000 in Scholarships

Paying for college will be a little easier for several recent high school graduates who live along Walton EMC's power lines. They are sharing \$160,000 in scholarships awarded by the Walton Electric Trust.

Out of nearly 150 applicants, 32 students are receiving \$4,000 each to help fund post-secondary education at a college or vocational-technical school. Another 28 are the recipients of runner-up scholarships of \$1,000 each. The 2022 winners represent schools from across the co-op's 10-county service area.

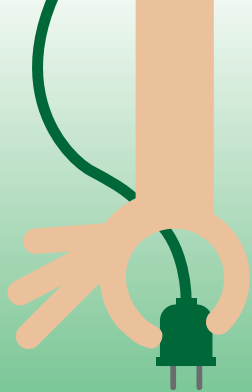
Applicants were evaluated on work ethic, triumph over obstacles, community service and extracurricular activities. The scholarship committee also reviewed recommendations from teachers and other adults involved in the students' lives.

The Trust has awarded more than 500 scholarships worth over \$1.9 million since the program began in 2009. The scholarships are funded by unclaimed refunds to former Walton EMC customer-owners. After all efforts are exhausted to find the rightful owners, the money goes into an endowment provided for by Georgia law.



STUDENTS RECEIVING A \$4,000 SCHOLARSHIP:

Daijah Brazil, South Gwinnett High School; **Hannah Carter**, North Oconee High School; **Danna Guadalupe Cervera**, South Gwinnett High School; **Giavana Curcio**, Loganville High School; **J'adore Donely**, Shiloh High School; **Grace Fort**, Bethlehem Christian Academy; **Sydney Greer**, Parkview High School; **Ashton Hefner**, North Oconee High School; **Darcy Johnson**, Brookwood High School; **Tatum Landers**, Brookwood High School; **Kathryn McNeely**, North Oconee High School; **Kinsey E. Patrick**, North Oconee High School; **Marren Powelson**, Scholars Guild Academy; **Aaron Richardson**, North Oconee High School; **Rylee Ann Royster**, Oconee County High School; **Tara Nichole Wallace**, Walnut Grove High School; **Maximillian Whitford**, Cedar Shoals High School; **Rachel Wood**, Morgan County High School; **Anna Claire Yearick**, Homeschool; **Will Bowick**, George Walton Academy; **Bella DeLullo**, Walnut Grove High School; **Landon Hagwood**, Oconee County High School; **Elysia Johnson**, Brookwood High School; **Mikayla Klerk**, Parkview High School; **Naomi Nicole Lippitt**, South Gwinnett High School; **Mary Maclin Lisle**, Monroe Area High School; **Aaron James Meredith**, Walnut Grove High School; **Bailee Nolan**, Bethlehem Christian Academy; **Emma Louise Peters**, Walnut Grove High School; **Evan J. Sims**, Brookwood High School; **Brynna Tripp**, Walnut Grove High School; **Melanie Wyatt**, Walnut Grove High School.



PLUGGED IN

Q: Who's responsible for keeping limbs off the power line to my house?

A: Walton EMC customer-owners who receive electricity through overhead power lines have a service wire that runs from the utility pole to your home. It's your responsibility to keep an eye out to ensure branches don't become overgrown and touch the service line.

Primary lines carry thousands of volts from the substation to the transformer at your home or business. **Service lines** carry hundreds of volts from the transformer to the electric meter. The 15-foot clearance for primary lines does not apply to service lines.

If vegetation does make contact with your service line, **DO NOT** attempt removal on your own. This is extremely dangerous. A common service wire carries 240 volts of electricity — more than enough to kill you if you make contact.

If there are limbs less than six feet from the service wire and are a threat to damaging your service, **call the co-op at 770.267.2505** to request a trim.

A crew will usually arrive within three business days to handle the pruning project. It is the customer-owner's responsibility to clear away the debris resulting from the trim.



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'In one moment, my life changed'

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT OVERCOMES ADVERSITY

This year's Walton Electric Trust scholarship recipients possess the kind of credentials that typically earn such rewards. They are smart, driven, focused individuals.

But these scholars also exhibit another quality that separates them from the crowd. Each has triumphed over a significant obstacle in their life.

Landon Hagwood is a shining example. He twice battled an aggressive form of bone cancer while attending Oconee County High School.

"On Sept. 23, 2019, I went into Emory Midtown in Atlanta for a surgical biopsy that confirmed our worst fears," the student recalled about the malignant tumor found in his shoulder. "In one moment, my life changed."

Part of his shoulder was surgically removed, which doctors said would severely limit Landon's arm mobility for the rest of his life. At best, he might be able to reach high enough to comb his hair.

With the help of a dedicated physical therapist, he proved them wrong. Now cancer-free, Landon plans to pursue a career inspired by the healthcare provider.

"The work my physical therapist has done with me during my journey has been so impactful and life-changing for my abilities," he said. "I want to do the same for others."

A Walton Electric Trust scholarship will help pay for his college education. Landon promises co-op members it will not be wasted.

"Cancer does not define me, but it has changed the course of how I live my life and what I will accomplish," he said. "I can promise you that I will represent you well in my dedication to my studies and how I succeed in college."



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Read Landon Hagwood's story of perseverance at waltonemc.com/blog.

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.



Security app can save electricity

Is your phone so crowded with “handy” apps that it’s difficult to find the one you really need? Then it might be time to check out EMC Security’s all-in-one mobile app that can manage lights and a thermostat along with the security system.

The app allows security customers to remotely arm and disarm their system and receive a real-time alert if a sensor is triggered. Compatible video doorbells and security cameras can be integrated for monitoring and notifications, too.

Users can also connect and control compatible smart devices such as locks, lights and thermostats. The app allows users to automate energy-saving routines. Lights can automatically turn on when the home security system is disabled. Or when the system is enabled, the smart thermostat will lower the home’s temperature and turn off lights.

EMC Security is owned by Walton EMC, Jackson EMC and Greystone Power. To get the EMC Security mobile app, visit emcsecurity.com or call 770.963.0305.

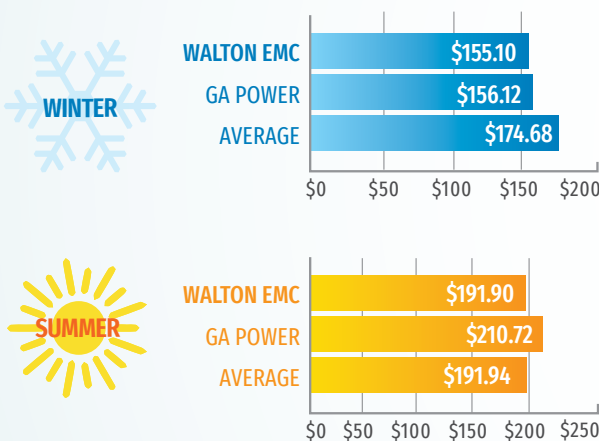


2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Every June, we gather and present financial information about your cooperative. Take a look at our expanded edition prepared especially for this month’s newsletter.

ELECTRIC RATE SURVEY

Twice yearly, the Georgia Public Service Commission conducts a rate survey with all 94 of the state’s electric utilities. The level of use for this comparison is a monthly use of 1,500 kilowatt-hours.



2021 CAPITAL CREDITS

As a member of Walton EMC, you’re also an owner. One benefit of ownership in a not-for-profit cooperative is sharing funds remaining after expenses are paid and reserves are met. Every Walton EMC customer-owner has a capital credit account and receives a refund based on the amount of electricity they use.

The co-op’s directors assess the financial condition of the co-op to determine when and what amount of leftover funds, called capital credits, can be returned to members after reserves are set aside for capital improvements and emergencies.

Capital Credit Allocation

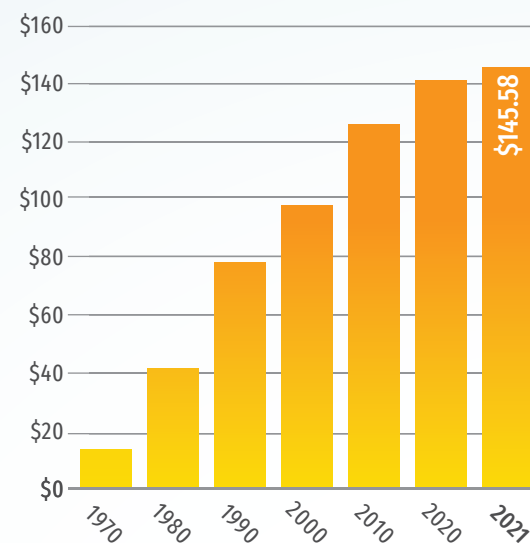
A capital credit allocation is a record of your investment in the cooperative. \$7,763,404.34 in capital credits were assigned to all customer-owners in 2021.

Capital Credits Returned

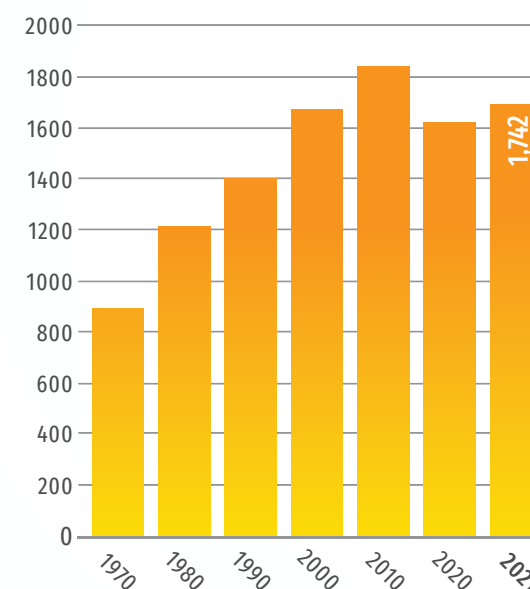
2021
\$9,000,000

ALL-TIME TOTAL
\$126,000,000

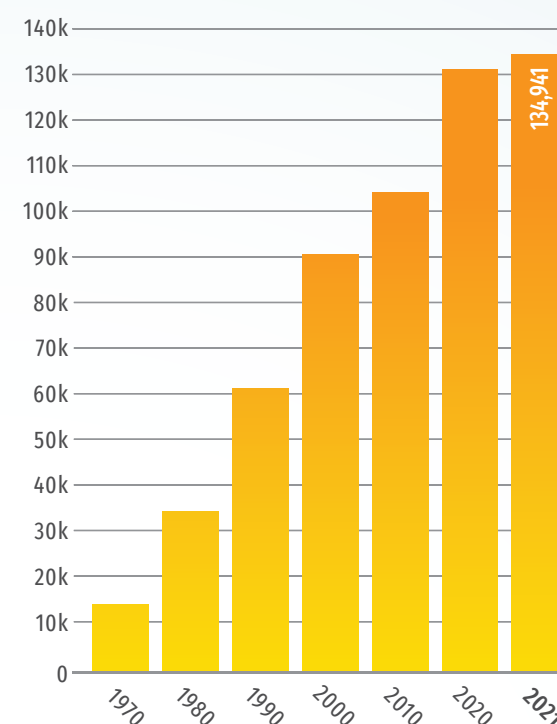
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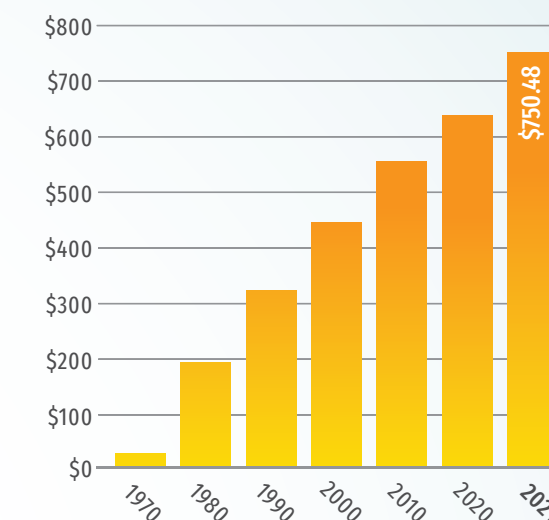
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AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS

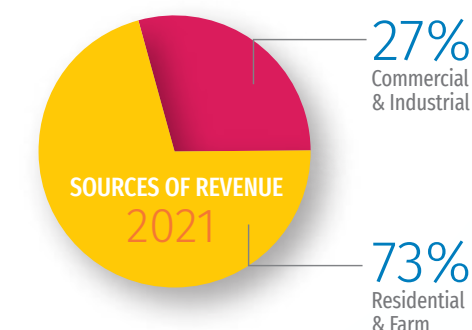


AVERAGE MONTHLY COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BILL



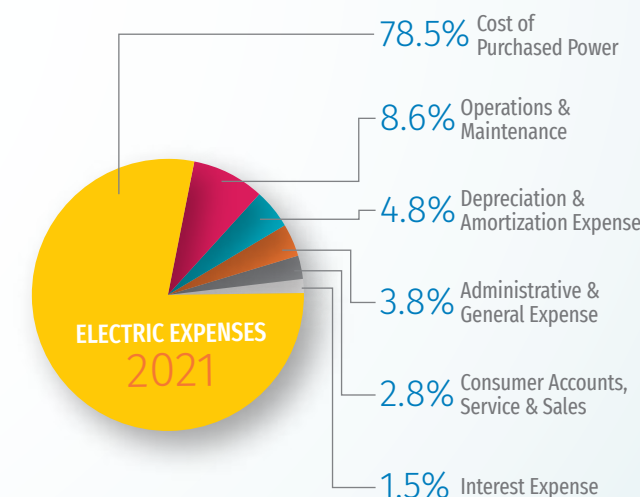
SOURCES OF REVENUE

This shows how our revenue is divided based on residential and commercial accounts.



HOW ELECTRIC REVENUE WAS USED

This is how we spend the money we receive. Most is used to buy power and operate the co-op. Less than 10 percent is spent on administration.



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