



Walton Electric Trust Scholarship

Up to 32 scholarships of \$4,000 each for high school seniors and incoming college freshmen (21 or younger, with no more than 15 hours of college credit). Winners selected by overall evaluation — technical and vocational students strongly encouraged to apply. Finalists receive \$1,000.

Deadline: Jan. 23, 2026

Apply: waltonemc.com/trustscholarship



Walton EMC Engineering Leadership Scholarship

Five renewable \$10,000 scholarships for UGA College of Engineering students who maintain permanent residency in Walton EMC's service area. Open to current engineering students and high school students accepted as engineering majors. Requires 3.7 GPA; renewable for up to four years.

Deadline: Feb. 28, 2026

Apply: engineering.uga.edu/students/undergraduate/scholarships/

For more information: waltonemc.com/youth
(770) 267-2505

Walter Harrison Scholarship

\$1,000 scholarships for high school seniors and undergraduates attending any Georgia vocational school, college or university. Funded by Georgia's electric cooperatives; awarded based on academic achievement and financial need.

Deadline: Check waltonemc.com/youth for 2026 deadline.

School EmPOWERment Grants

Educational grants for teachers and schools to purchase books, computers, equipment and more. Over \$3 million awarded since inception. School principals may submit up to three applications; evaluated based on need and student impact.

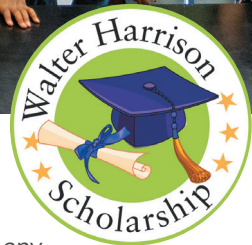
Deadline:
Nov. 3–Dec. 12, 2025

Apply:
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Lineman of the Week

High school football coaches across our service area nominate outstanding linemen each week during fall season for excellence on the field and in the classroom.

View winners:
waltonemc.com/youth



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WALTON EMC'S INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH

At Walton EMC, we believe that investing in our youth today means building stronger communities tomorrow. This year alone, we've invested thousands of dollars in programs benefiting young people across our 10-county service area. From scholarships and leadership experiences to grants that enhance classroom learning, our commitment reflects the seventh cooperative principle: concern for community.

"Investing in youth programs is one way we strengthen our communities," says Jennifer Broun, Walton EMC's community and youth coordinator. "Connecting students with opportunities can power them toward a better future."

Washington Youth Tour

Four high school sophomores and juniors win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 12–19, 2026. Students meet with congressional delegates, visit national monuments and connect with youth leaders nationwide in this week-long leadership development experience.

Application Deadline: Dec. 12, 5:00 p.m.

Testing: Feb. 2 & 10, 2026

Interviews: Week of Feb. 16, 2026

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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.

Paying TRIBUTE

Patriotism runs deep throughout Walton EMC's 10-county service area. The many elaborate memorials erected as symbols of gratitude and remembrance of Armed Forces members testify to the fact. Veterans Day is an opportunity to pay tribute to these local heroes while also exploring landmarks that are works of art.

WALTON COUNTY

Walton County Veterans Memorial Park

Walton County Government Building
303 South Hammond Drive, Monroe

The memorial dedicated in 2018 honors veterans from all wars and branches of the military. The Fallen Heroes Memorial Garden, monuments, dedication walls and benches pay tribute to those serving in conflicts dating back to the Revolutionary War.

Loganville Veterans Memorial

Walton County Health Department
Corner Broad and Pecan Street, Loganville

All military branches are remembered at this memorial standing on property where Loganville City Hall was once located. Loganville is recognized as a Purple Heart City.

GWINNETT COUNTY

Snellville Veterans Memorial

Snellville City Hall
2342 Oak Road, Snellville

Under the banner "Freedom is Never Free," the memorial features the Wall of Veterans, an eternal flame and a 6-foot waterfall. A Veterans Day Celebration is set for 3 p.m. on Nov. 11 at the site.

Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial

Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center
75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville

A 200-pound bronze eagle, sculpted by local firefighter Vic McCallum, is the centerpiece of the tribute that also features 13 black granite markers bearing the names of approximately 700 honorees. The memorial serves as the backdrop for Gwinnett County's annual Veterans Day ceremony set for Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

OCONEE COUNTY

Oconee Veterans Memorial

Veterans Memorial Park
3500 Hog Mountain Road, Watkinsville

The sculpture titled "Freedom" welcomes visitors into the memorial garden recognizing Oconee County citizens who have served their country since World War I. A Veterans Day program is planned for Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

MORGAN COUNTY

Never Forgotten Mural

East Main Street, Rutledge

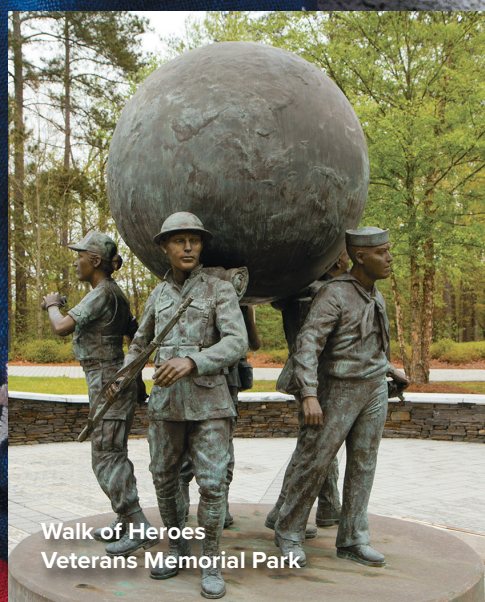
Painted by University of Georgia art students in 2017, the mural titled "Never Forgotten" is a different type of tribute to service members. Down the street at Veteran's Park, flags fly in tribute to all branches of the military.

ROCKDALE COUNTY

Walk of Heroes Veterans Memorial Park

3001 Black Shoals Road NE, Conyers

The tranquil three-acre park alongside Black Shoals Lake features a walkway crossed by engraved marble bands, each representing a year when American Armed Forces were deployed overseas in conflicts and as peacekeepers. The memorial's 25th anniversary will be celebrated in conjunction with the annual Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.



Dazzling displays Add your holiday light show to our Merry & Bright list

The holidays will be here before you know it, bringing the joy of twinkling lights and festive displays to Walton EMC's service area. This year, we're asking co-op members to help us identify locations of outdoor displays for our Merry & Bright list.

We're looking for details about homes and neighborhoods that will be transformed into a glittering wonderland. Tell us about impressive holiday displays at area churches and businesses, too.

Share your local lighting intel by completing the Merry & Bright form at waltonemc.com/merryandbright. Be prepared to provide an address, property owner name and the dates/times the display will be twinkling.

We'll share a list of local must-see holiday light shows on the Walton EMC Facebook page, so others can stop by to admire them and soak up the spirit of the season.

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