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Scholarship Applications Available

Farmers' Electric Cooperative is awarding scholarships again this year through the Farmers' Electric Education Foundation. Scholarship applications are available from area high school guidance counselors or from cooperative office locations in Clovis, Ft. Sumner and Santa Rosa. Scholarship applications can also be requested by calling the Clovis office at 575-762-4466 or 800-445-8541. Or, visit www.fecnm.org to download an application. All cooperative members and their dependents are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Don't Delay! Deadline for Applications is February, 1, 2018!

This year there are two different scholarship forms. When requesting a form, be sure to specify either the "Graduating High School Student Application" or the "Returning College Application." Both forms are available from any FEC office or visit www.fecnm.org to download.



The Farmers' Electric Education Foundation was established by the members of the cooperative in 1986; and is funded through donated and unclaimed patronage capital refunds and donations by private individuals. Only the interest earned on donations is used for scholarships, ensuring the Education Foundation will continue to support higher education for our members for many years to come. Through 2017, the foundation has awarded 1,148 scholarships totalling \$794,730.



Trim the Turkey and Your Electric Bill Too

As you trim your turkey why not trim your holiday electric bill too. Following are some energy saving tips:

- No need to preheat the oven. The turkey will cook for hours anyway.
- Do not open the oven door to peek too often because you will lose valuable heat.
- Scoot the turkey over and make room for pies and casseroles so they bake at the same time saving you time and energy.
- Turn your electric oven and burners off near the end of the cooking process. The residual heat will finish cooking the meal.

Don't Shoot at Utility Equipment

Many utilities including electric cooperatives, have a number of outages each year which are caused by people shooting at power equipment like line insulators, utility poles, transmission towers, and transformers. Shooting at power facilities is vandalism—a crime punishable by fines and/or jail sentences.

Shooting at power equipment is also very dangerous. Not only can someone be injured by the gunshot, but the resulting power outages present risks to electric co-op personnel who must repair the damage and to customers who may depend on the power for life support equipment.

Please, don't shoot at the power equipment. It's illegal, it's senseless and it's risky.

ATTENTION: IRRIGATION CONSUMERS

SUBJECT: IRRIGATION ANNUAL MINIMUM CHARGES

In accordance with Farmers' Electric Cooperative's irrigation rate schedule, certain annual minimum charges apply to all irrigation accounts. Your original minimum charges were calculated through a contract with the cooperative based on the cost of line extension to the irrigation load. Upon expiration of the contract, the horsepower on that account determines the annual minimum at the rate of \$20 per horsepower, but not less than \$110 for single-phase service, and not less than \$165 for three-phase service.

Under the irrigation rate schedule, consumers have one calendar year, (approximately December 20 through December 20 of the following year), in which to use the annual minimum charges. The December billing will reflect the remaining charges, if any.

If you have any **questions** regarding the annual minimum charges for your irrigation account(s), please **call** the cooperative's **Billing Department** at **575-762-4466 or 800-445-8541**.

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Board Meeting

The board of trustees meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Clovis cooperative boardroom.



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