

Midwest Energy, Inc. Current Comments

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Demand Charges Start Jan. 1 for Residential Class Peak demand based on highest demand in 15-minute increment per month

Beginning January 1, 2024, Midwest Energy residential electric customers will see a new charge on their bill - the demand charge. This is a variable charge that will be based on the "peak demand" used by that account. Peak demand is established by identifying the highest demand in a 15-minute increment that month, and it will reset at the start of each billing cycle. Demand charges will be phased in over three years. Each year as the demand charge increases, the price per kilowatt-hour (kWh) decreases. For the average residential customer, the impact on bills is minimal.

To help customers better understand demand and its impact on bills, Midwest Energy launched a demand micro-

site in July. It can be found at www.mwenergy.com by going to the residential tab and clicking on "Demand Rates," or you can directly visit it at demand-rates.mwenergy.com. Part of the microsite is a demand rate calculator where you can

toggle on and off different appliances to calculate demand and see how much different appliances impact demand.

If you would like a custom bill analysis forecasting what your bill could look like for the next three years, give us a call at 1-800-222-3121. We will

take your actual 2022 and 2023 usage and extrapolate that out through 2026 as demand rates phase-in. These projections are based on your actual usage and assume there will be no change in your usage.



Youth Tour Trip and Scholarship Applications Open

Midwest Energy is now accepting applications for the 2024 Youth Tour Trip and Scholarships. Prior to 2020, the Youth Tour was exclusively a trip for five high school juniors to Washington D.C. Because of the pandemic and travel restrictions, the Youth Tour allocated funds to scholarships instead for 2021 and 2022.

Starting last year, Midwest Energy adopted a hybrid approach and sent two high school juniors to Washington D.C., as well as awarded 10 high school seniors \$1,000 scholarships. This new approach was very successful, and Midwest Energy has chosen to keep this same approach for the coming years.

The trip for juniors will be from June 14-20, 2024, to attend the week-long Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. To

be eligible to apply, these students must be juniors in high school, live in or attend school in a Midwest Energy service area, and their parents/guardians must receive electric and/or natural gas service from Midwest Energy. Children of Midwest employees are not eligible to apply.

Midwest Energy will also be awarding 10 high school seniors with \$1,000 scholarships to a secondary education program of their choice. These awards will be paid directly to the student. The eligibility criteria is the same as the trip, but the scholarships are only available to high school seniors.

Interested or know someone who is?

Apply at www.mwenergy.com under the community tab. Applications are due January 31, 2024.



YOUTH TOUR OPPORTUNITIES



SENIORS:

TEN \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS
NO GPA REQUIREMENT



JUNIORS:

ONE WEEK IN WASHINGTON D.C.
TWO STUDENTS WILL BE CHOSEN
QUICK AND EASY APPLICATION

APPLY AT MWENERGY.COM BY JAN. 31



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Midwest Energy Community Fund Makes Awards

Midwest Energy's Community Fund benefits charitable, educational and nonprofit organizations in the Midwest Energy service area. Five customer committees review charitable requests, and allocate funds based on meter count to activities that focus on youth, arts, education, libraries, community events or other priorities that fall within the guidelines.

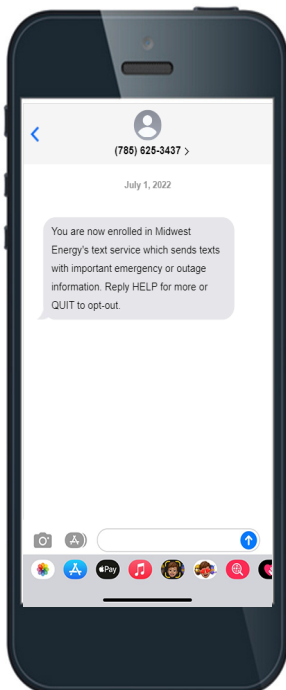
Community Fund awards range from \$100 to \$1,000 and are made semi-annually. Midwest Energy also sponsors an Impact Grant Program, which awards five \$5,000 grants annually, balanced evenly over districts every five years. These five grants will be awarded to communities or organizations working on projects larger than a typical Community Fund grant. Impact

Grant applicants must match the award with funds from the community (invested in a community foundation pass-through fund) or documented pledged funds. Application deadlines for the Community Fund are Mar. 1 and Oct. 1, and Impact Grant Programs are due Aug. 1. Below is a summary of all Community Fund awards made in 2023.

Area	# Requests	\$ Requested	# Approved	\$ Approved*	Impact Grant Award
Colby	56	\$ 41,273	39	\$ 32,133	\$5,000 to Agape Youth Center of Sharon Springs for new flooring, and \$5,000 to Western Vista Building Complex in Oakley for construction of a community center.
Great Bend	57	\$ 44,611	46	\$ 31,425	\$5,000 to Ellinwood Hospital Foundation for Dynavision visual-motor training system used to evaluate and train visual, cognitive and motor function across all ages, and \$5,000 to Feeding the Children of Central Kansas for construction of a storage room.
Hays	36	\$ 30,484	30	\$ 23,134	
Phillipsburg	33	\$ 25,400	20	\$ 14,575	\$5,000 to Gateway Friends Foundation of Oberlin for stage curtains for the theatre.
Scott City	31	\$ 25,922	25	\$ 8,272	

*Includes the \$5,000 Impact Grant for each area

Recently Changed Your Cell Number? Let Us Know!



Midwest Energy uses a text message service called TextPower to notify customers of energy emergencies and planned outages. All customers for whom we have a cell number are automatically enrolled in the service.

It is extremely important we have a current cell phone number in order to reach you about urgent account and outage information. If you've recently changed your cell phone number, please contact us at 1-800-222-3121. Your cell phone number is categorized by type of service and location to ensure you only receive texts that directly impact you.

The Midwest Energy text number is 785-625-3437, and is **only** used for

emergency notifications, never for marketing purposes.

Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Get smart with a better way to heat and cool your home! Smart thermostats are Wi-Fi enabled and automatically adjust heating and cooling temperature settings in your home for optimal performance. Smart thermostats learn your temperature preferences and establish a schedule that adjusts to energy-saving settings when you're asleep or away.

For maximum energy savings, look for smart thermostat models with the ENERGY STAR® label.

Source: Dept. of Energy



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