

# Midwest Energy, Inc. Current Comments

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## Midwest Energy Awards Eighteen Youth Scholarships Two Students Selected for Youth Tour Trip to Washington, D.C.

As a customer-owned electric and natural gas cooperative, Midwest Energy operates according to the Seven Cooperative Principles. These guiding values shape how we serve our members and communities. One of these principles, Concern for Community, reflects our ongoing commitment to investing in the people and places we call home.

Midwest Energy demonstrates this commitment through a variety of programs, including our Youth Scholarship and Youth Tour initiatives. These programs are designed to support and inspire the next generation of leaders by recognizing academic achievement and providing unique educational experiences.

Each year, Midwest Energy's Board of Directors carefully reviews applications and selects 18 outstanding high school seniors to receive \$1,000 scholarships.

Additionally, two high school juniors are chosen to represent Midwest Energy on an all-expenses-paid, week-long trip to Washington, D.C. as part of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour.

### YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

<b>REED BATTERTON</b> Scott Community High School	<b>JONAS KERN</b> Ellinwood High School	<b>ADDISON SIMONS</b> Wichita County Jr/Sr High School
<b>AVERY BOYDSTON</b> Ellis High School	<b>JAXSON KONEN</b> Little River High School	<b>CALE THOMPSON</b> Central Plains Jr/Sr High School
<b>DARRIS BROWN</b> Trego Community High School	<b>SHAUN LARE</b> Rawlins County High School	<b>TAVISH TRACY</b> Otis-Bison High School
<b>VALERYA SAENZ CASTILLO</b> Scott Community High School	<b>CAYLIE LYLE</b> Natoma High School	<b>LIZZY VAJNAR</b> Hays High School
<b>CAIDYN DINKEL</b> Victoria High School	<b>LILLIAN MCGAUGHEY</b> LaCrosse High School	<b>JOHN WHEATON</b> Kinsley High School
<b>SHELBY DORZWEILER</b> Victoria High School	<b>EMILY SERRANO</b> Cheylin High School	<b>ASHTON WYNN</b> Trego Community High School

### YOUTH TOUR DELEGATES



**Spencer Beckman**  
Wheatland High School



**Kasen Stramel**  
Colby High School

During the Youth Tour, students join peers from electric cooperatives across the country to explore our nation's capital, learn about the cooperative model, and gain a deeper understanding of government and civic engagement.

Applications for the 2027 Scholarships and Youth Tour will open in Fall 2026 and will be due by Jan. 31,

2027. For more information, visit [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com).

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

**DUE JULY 7**

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about > board-of-directors-elections



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# Spring Community Fund Recipients Announced

Midwest Energy's Community Fund, which benefits charitable, educational and nonprofit agencies in the co-op's service area, made one of its two annual disbursements in April.

A total of \$54,078 was awarded to 100 projects. A total of 123 applications requesting \$104,951 were received. Among applications, 22 were first-time program applicants.

Funding decisions are made by local committees in each of Midwest's five Community Fund districts, and

The application deadline for the Fall 2026 funding period is Oct. 1. Grants range from \$50 to \$1,000.

Requests for tangible items, long-lived community assets, or improvements to permanent assets are preferred. Interested groups should

Midwest Energy Service Area	Number Approved/Requested	Requested Dollars	Approved Dollars
Colby	24 of 27	\$25,179	\$13,670
Great Bend	29 of 35	\$31,080	\$11,500
Hays	26 of 30	\$24,945	\$20,359
Phillipsburg	11 of 20	\$15,144	\$4,404
Scott City	10 of 11	\$8,602	\$4,145

are comprised of two Midwest Energy employees and five to seven community members from that area.

visit [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com) and click the "Community" tab for more details, and to complete a brief application.

## 2026 Board of Director Nominations Due July 7

Now is the time to submit nominations for anyone interested in running for the Midwest Energy Board of Directors. Director positions and represented districts up for re-election include:

**District 1** (1 position): Counties of Cheyenne, Greeley, Hamilton, Logan, Rawlins, Sherman, Thomas, Wallace and Wichita.

**District 2** (1 position): Counties of Decatur, Gove, Norton and Sheridan

**District 4** (1 position): Counties of Ellis, Graham and Trego.

Nominees must be a resident in one of the counties in the district for which he or she is nominated and receive retail electric or natural gas

service from Midwest Energy.

Nominations may be submitted online by July 7, 2026 at [www.mwenergy.com](http://www.mwenergy.com) by clicking "About," and then the "Board of Directors Elections" link. Additionally, nominations may be made in writing by sending the nominee's name, address and phone number to:

Judy Thurman  
c/o Midwest Energy, Inc.  
1330 Canterbury  
Hays, KS 67601

The nominating committee will select candidates from the names submitted. Nominees will be notified by the end of July whether or not they have been selected. Winners of the elec-

tion to the Board of Directors will be announced at the Annual Meeting, on October 19, 2026 in Hays.

### ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During these warm summer months, a smart thermostat can help keep your home comfortable while reducing cooling costs. Smart thermostats learn your routine and automatically raise the temperature when you're away and cool things down before you return, avoiding unnecessary energy use. You can also adjust settings remotely from your phone, so you're never cooling an empty house. Setting your thermostat a few degrees higher while you're away or asleep can lead to significant savings. Many smart thermostats provide reports and tips, helping you fine-tune your energy use and stay cool while keeping your electric bill in check.



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