



NOTICE OF

CECA 2018 DISTRICT MEETING

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TO: ALL MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 1

Comanche County (Highway 16 north of Comanche, thence east to Highway 36)

The district meeting will be held at Comanche High School Auditorium.

1600 N. Austin St., Comanche 76442 • Thursday, August 16, 2018 • 6 p.m.

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(Please refer to the official bylaws printed herein for requirements and information concerning election of directors.)

This meeting also will be open for discussion of any affairs of the cooperative.



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

TEXAS CO-OP POWER



TO: All Members in District 1
FROM: Alan Lesley, General Manager
SUBJECT: Nomination of Directors

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION CARD BELOW AND BRING IT TO THE DISTRICT MEETING. THIS CARD IS YOUR ENTRY FOR THE PRIZE DRAWINGS.



REGISTRATION CARD FOR DISTRICT 1 MEETING

Thursday, August 16, 2018 • 6 p.m.

NAME

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TELEPHONE NUMBER ()

ACCOUNT NUMBER

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C. No employee or former employee shall be eligible to serve as Director until fifteen (15) years have elapsed from date of termination or retirement of employment.

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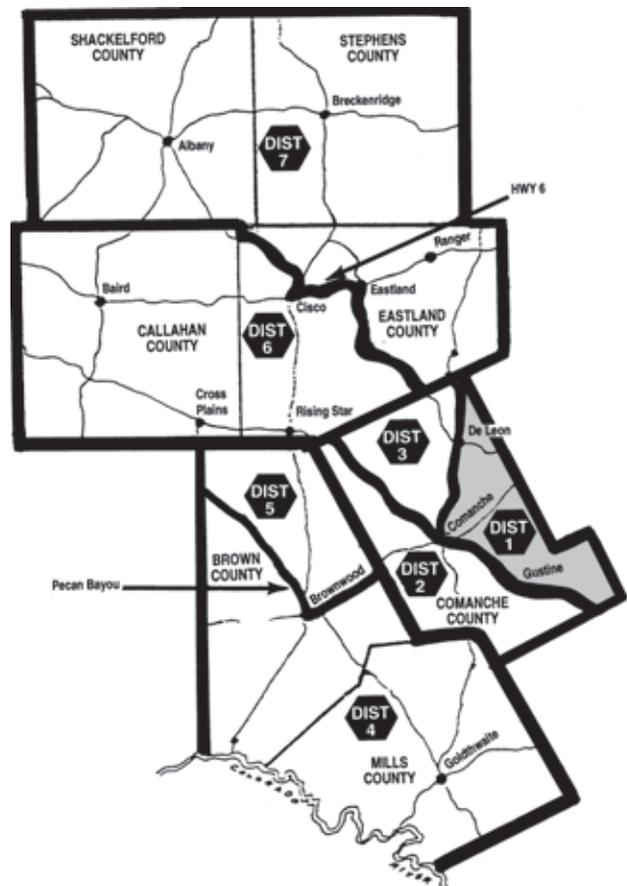
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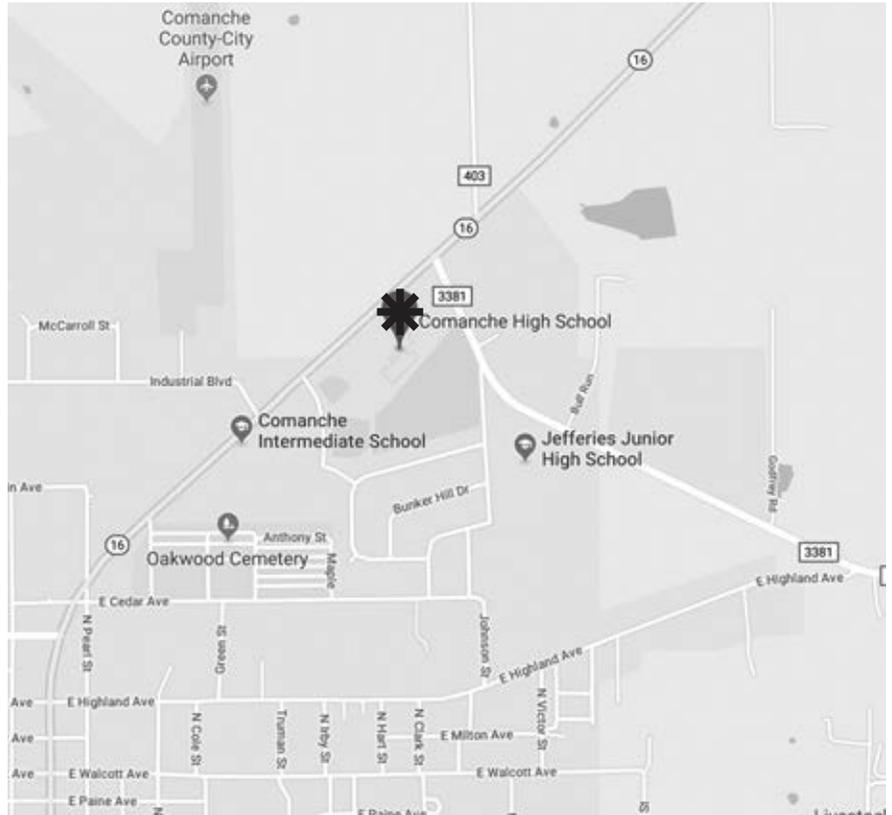
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TO: ALL MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 7

Stephens and Shackelford counties plus that portion of Eastland County east or north of Highway 6

The district meeting will be held at Gunsight Baptist Church.

10674 U.S. Highway 183, Breckenridge 76424 • Tuesday, August 14, 2018 • 6 p.m.

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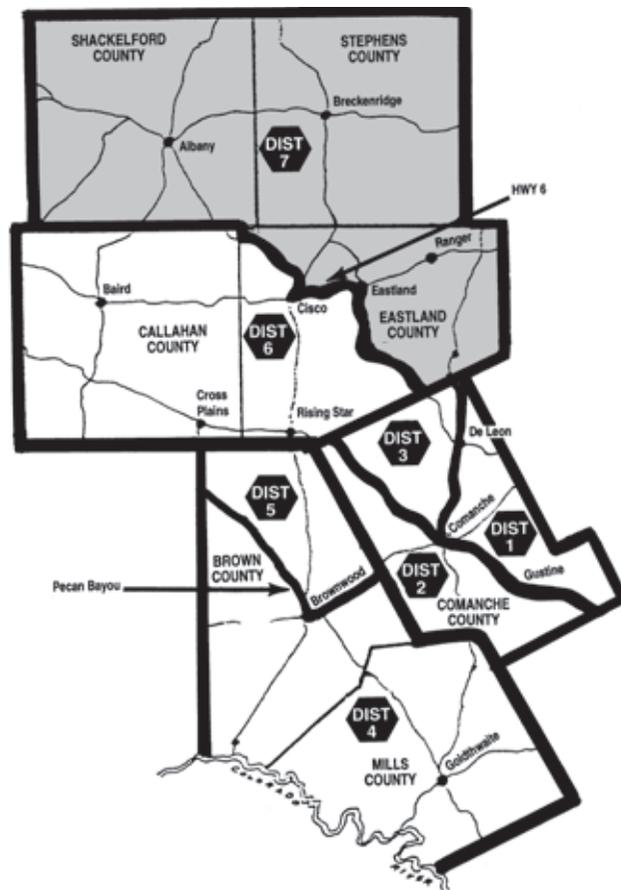
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More Than 80 Years Later, You Still Have the Power



MESSAGE FROM
GENERAL MANAGER ALAN LESLEY

IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 80 YEARS SINCE THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION program began. To survive—and even prosper—over that period of time takes considerable strength. The fact that electric cooperatives are alive and well today speaks volumes of the many people who have protected the rights and interests of co-op members in Austin and Washington, D.C.

Electric cooperatives have been offering consumers a real choice from the day our doors first opened. The members get to decide how the business is run and what

services are offered. Under the watchful eye of locally elected boards of directors, electric cooperatives focus on delivering high-quality, reliable and affordable service every day to the people and businesses they serve. Your cooperative still is committed to making a difference.

While your cooperative works to keep electricity affordable and reliable by improving the efficiency of its electric system and operations, considering new resources and staying politically active, you can do your part by using energy efficiently at home and work. **Here are a few easy ways to trim your energy use:**

- ▶ Caulk or weatherstrip windows and doors. A typical home can lose as much as one-third of its conditioned air through leaks.
- ▶ Install a programmable thermostat and change filters regularly. About half of your electric bill is spent heating and cooling your home.
- ▶ Wash clothes in cold water.
- ▶ Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- ▶ Add more insulation in your attic. Your home can lose energy through a poorly insulated roof or walls.
- ▶ Turn off lights, appliances and electronics when not in use.

Life may be dramatically different from what it was 80 years ago, but one thing hasn't changed: Comanche Electric Cooperative is here to serve you.



Keep Kids Safe All Summer

YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO KEEP YOUR eyes on your children every minute this summer while they're roaming around the neighborhood having fun. So teach them the dangers of electricity.

▶ The most important lesson about outdoor electrical safety: Never touch a power line. A downed line may seem like it's "dead," but chances are it's still energized. Touching it with a hand, toy or stick could be deadly.

▶ If a kite, balloon or another toy gets caught in an overhead power line, do not try to dislodge it by throwing shoes or other items at it. Call your electric cooperative if you must retrieve the item.

▶ Stay far away from overhead power lines while flying kites or drones or using large toys—so they don't come into contact with energized lines.

▶ Do not climb utility poles or trees that are close to power lines.

▶ Don't post signs, balloons, ribbons or anything else on utility poles or electrical equipment.

▶ Stay out of electrical substations—even to rescue a pet. Substations house high-voltage equipment that can electrocute a person.

▶ Don't touch electrical toys that are standing in a puddle or floating in a pool.



MICHAEL BODMANN | ISTOCK.COM

Meet the Newest Members of the CECA Team



Nicholas Zavala, left, and Trent Taylor are the newest members of the CECA team.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE TWO NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE COMANCHE

Electric Cooperative team: Nicholas Zavala and Trent Taylor, apprentice linemen.

Born and raised in Eastland, Zavala travels on Sundays to Abilene's Highland Church of Christ, which he has attended since his first day of college at McMurry University. His favorite pastimes are fishing and wakeboarding. "I guess you could say I'm a lake rat," Zavala said. "Whether the weather is bad or not, I'm up for anything outdoors. Being hired on with Comanche Electric Cooperative has allowed me to pursue my dreams as a lineman."

Taylor and his wife, Micah, live in Comanche and attend Timber Ridge Church in Stephenville. During his high school and college years, he was an active rodeo competitor. In recent years, however, Taylor has put his rope away and, with his brother, father and friends, has picked up golf as a hobby. Taylor is a member of the Comanche Lions Club and Par Country Club and is currently the Men's Golf Association president. He and his wife enjoy supporting events and activities in their community. Taylor is a Comanche High School and Tarleton State University graduate. "I'm glad to be employed by the co-op," Taylor said, "which I believe is a vital part of the town and community."

Zavala will be working out of the Eastland office; Taylor will be based in the Comanche office. Please join us in welcoming these young men to our co-op family.



P.O. Box 729, Comanche, TX 76442

Operating in Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Mills, Shackelford and Stephens counties

HEADQUARTERS

201 W. Wrights Ave.
Comanche, TX 76442

EARLY OFFICE

1801 CR 338
Early, TX 76801

EASTLAND OFFICE

1311 W. Main St.
Eastland, TX 76448

OFFICE HOURS

Comanche Office: Monday–Friday,
7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Early Office: Monday, Wednesday
and Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., closed
1–2 p.m.

Eastland Office: Tuesday and
Thursday, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

General Manager

Alan Lesley

Board of Directors

Randy Denning, District 1
Pete McDougal, District 2
Ruby Solomon, District 3
Monty Carlisle, District 4
Troy Stewart, District 5
Loren Stroebel, District 6
Phil Taylor, District 7

Report an Outage

CECA crews are available 24/7 in the event of a power quality issue by calling 1-800-915-2533.

Contact Us

CALL US

1-800-915-2533 toll-free

FIND US ON THE WEB

www.cecacoop.com



facebook.com/CECA.coop

Step Into Savings With Alerts and Reminders

Did you know you can set up alerts to notify you of high usage on your account and avoid unwanted surprises on your bill?

Alert Name	Criteria	Text Message	E-mail	Voice Alert	Push Noti
Due Date Reminder		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Past Due Date Reminder		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Text Alert Opt-In Status: **Opted In**

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AT COMANCHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, WE BELIEVE MEMBER service is only as effective as our ability to communicate timely and useful account information. That's why we've partnered with SEDC, our billing provider, to bring you automated alerts and reminders. These messages are a fast and easy way to access your payment information, account profile changes, energy usage information and more.

Key Features

- The system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Messages are delivered directly to members' cellphones or email addresses.
- It's customizable to meet members' individual needs.
- Alerts and reminders are based on events the member defines.
- Members can set up alert preferences via mobile apps or through the CECA customer service portal.
- Text message and email alerts are available.
- This service is an invaluable tool to monitor usage at remote meters not visited on a daily basis.

Set Up Alerts From Mobile Devices

Download the free CECA app to your Apple or Android device. After installing the app on your device, contact CECA at 1-800-915-2533 to obtain your temporary login credentials. Once you are logged into your account, those credentials can be changed to better suit your needs.

Setting Up Your Threshold Amount

The members-only portal notifies you when your daily energy usage exceeds a dollar amount that you specify.

- Review your past monthly bills to determine how many kilowatt-hours you use per month, on average.
- Calculate your daily usage's cost by dividing your average monthly bill by 30.

Tip: To keep from receiving alerts too often, do not set the threshold too close to the daily usage amount. For example, a member whose average monthly electric bill is \$150 pays approximately \$5 per day for electricity and should set the dollar threshold for his or her notification alert at \$7 or \$8 (this is \$2-\$3 more than the normal daily usage, or 40-60 percent higher).

What Happens if I Receive an Alert?

If usage notifications are received consistently for a few days, and seasonal temperature fluctuations can be ruled out, it is time for the member to investigate. These are the top three things that typically cause a spike in usage and should be checked by a licensed technician:

1. Heating/cooling system issues.
2. Electric water heater issues.
3. Well pumps/water system leaks.

Why not take time now to set up alerts on your account?

You can select text alerts, email notifications or both.

Keeping costs down is always a top priority at CECA. When the temperatures get extreme in the summer, alerts and reminders can be an important tool in managing your power costs. Life is full of surprises. We don't want your power bill to be one of them!

Four Easy Steps to Savings

Step 1: Contact CECA at 1-800-915-2533 for temporary login credentials.

Step 2: Go to **ceca.coop**. Click on the **Manage Your Account** button to open the member portal.



Step 3: Click on any tab to open the SEDC Members Only Portal and submit your login info.

Step 4: Choose the tab and drop-down box that best suits your needs. You can:



- Pay your bill.
- Update your contact information, login credentials and method of receiving your bill.
- Check your billing, payment or usage history using search criteria such as:



- **Date range** (day/month/year)
- **Weather impacts on usage**
- Set alerts and reminders such as:
 - **High energy usage alert**
 - **Past due date reminder**
 - **Account profile change**
 - **Due date reminder**
 - **Payment confirmation**
 - **Returned check alert**

Compare your current usage to past months and years to start saving energy and reduce your monthly bill!

For questions or to enroll offline, call us at 1-800-915-2533.



Take Control of Your Usage With Pay Your Way Metering

The power is in your hands with... **Prepaid Metering**

By paying for electricity as you go, you can monitor energy use and know when you need to conserve. A few benefits of participating in prepaid metering are:

- Teaches the value of electricity
- Helps consumers understand what uses watts in their home
- Provides absolute control over how much money is spent on electricity
- Helps reduce energy use



A PREPAID ELECTRIC PLAN IS JUST WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE—YOU purchase your electricity prior to using it, much like you would when putting fuel in your vehicle. Prepaying works best for people who want to take control of their electric account and energy usage.

By monitoring your consumption regularly, you will begin to notice patterns in your day-to-day usage. As you monitor your usage, you will begin to see when you are using more energy and find ways to lower your electric bill. Studies have shown that prepay households generally use 12 percent less electricity than they did before signing up for prepaid metering.

How it works:

- New residential members may enroll in prepaid metering by setting up a Pay Your Way prepay account with an initial minimum purchase of \$50 applied to your Pay Your Way account as a credit, plus a \$20 membership fee and a \$50 one-time service fee.
- Existing members may change to a Pay Your Way prepaid account and receive credit for any deposit being held on their account.
- Prepaid members can manage the balance of their Pay Your Way account by making payments of their choosing after initial setup to avoid any interruption of electric service.

- No security deposit is required for a Pay Your Way prepaid account, and members are provided text and/or email alerts.

Prepaid purchases are accepted by the following methods:

- Call 1-800-915-2533.
- Go to Comanche Electric Cooperative's bill pay website, www.cecacoop.com.
- Download CECA's free bill pay app.
- Visit any of CECA's three convenient office locations.
- Mail a payment. But note: It may take several days for your payment to be received and posted to your account if you mail it.

How do you make prepaid work for you?

- Take control of your account and energy usage.
- Monitor energy consumption and track usage patterns within your household.
- Better manage and budget energy costs for your family.
- Avoid paying a cash deposit.
- Avoid late fees, collection fees and/or reconnection fees.

Benefits

- **NO DEPOSITS!**
- **NO LATE FEES!**
- **YOU CHOOSE WHEN TO PAY YOUR ENERGY BILL!**

With CECA's Pay Your Way energy option, you purchase electricity before you use it.

You can make payments online, by phone or in person at any of our three convenient locations.

When your account runs low, you will get an email or text message alert to let you know it's time to add money.

Avoid Seasonal Fluctuations With Budget Billing

IF YOUR ELECTRIC BILL FLUCTUATES GREATLY FROM MONTH to month, you can take control with our budget billing plan. An alternative to regular billing, the budget billing program offered by Comanche Electric Cooperative gives members a convenient way to plan their budget by leveling payments across the entire year. This is an ideal program for members with an all-electric home where winter heating bills can be two or sometimes even three times higher than in the spring and summer months.

The monthly budget amount is based on 12 months of consumption history. The budget amount could vary from month

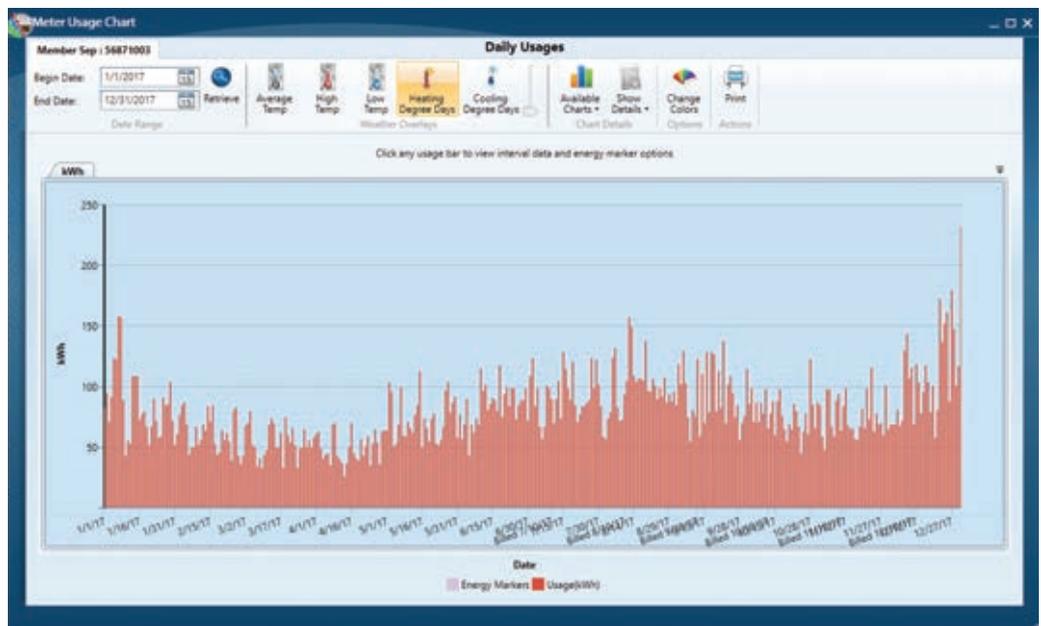
to month depending on the member's monthly use. To qualify for the variable budget program, members must have been at their current residence for at least 12 months and not have any outstanding balance.

Eligible members can enroll in this convenient billing program any time during the year.

Contact a CECA customer service representative, and they will mail or email you an authorization form that includes an estimate of what your leveled bill would be.

Remember, the budget amount can vary from month to month depending on your monthly usage.

A 12-month usage chart for a member with standard billing will fluctuate monthly, depending on weather and home events. With budget billing, the amounts of the attached monthly bills would be more evenly distributed, allowing you more flexibility in managing your monthly budget.



Are you away from a computer? Download the CECA app for your Apple or Android smartphone or tablet. Do everything you can online, PLUS report outages!

Note: A user ID and password must be set up before using the CECA app.

Teachers—Have You Applied for a Classroom Teacher Grant?



Classroom Teacher Grants 2018–2019 School Year

What is the Classroom Teacher Grant program?

The CECA Operation Round-Up Classroom Teacher Grant program is sponsored by the membership of CECA through Operation Round-Up. Because the education of our youths is critical, the Operation Round-Up board of directors has approved five classroom grants of up to \$1,000 each to enhance the education of our youths.

Who can apply for these grants?

Any K–12 classroom teacher whose school or community is served by CECA or whose students' homes are served by CECA can apply. The list of qualifying schools includes Albany, Baird, Bangs, Blanket, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Early, Eastland, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Gustine, Hamilton, May, Moran, Mullin, Priddy, Ranger, Rising Star, Sidney and Zephyr.

Grants are limited to one per school per year. Each school may submit multiple applications and is encouraged to do so to increase the chances of being awarded a grant, but only one application per school will be approved.

What information do we need to know before applying for a grant?

The applications will be judged by the Operation Round-Up board and an appointed CECA group. Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- A project, educational tool or field trip that demonstrates cooperation among students.
- Appropriateness for age and grade levels.
- A project, educational tool or field trip that encourages a high level of student involvement.
- A project, educational tool or field trip that includes coordination with Comanche Electric Cooperative.
- A project, educational tool or field trip that focuses on student learning.
- Overall quality of the application and adherence to grant guidelines.

What should be the focus of a proposal?

An eligible project, educational tool or field trip should offer students an expanded learning opportunity that complements and reinforces classroom study. The project or field trip should be limited only by your and your students' imaginations and the resources you have available.

How can the grant money be used?

The money must be expended in compliance with your proposal.

Can the grant be used to extend/expand an existing project?

Yes, but in that case, clearly indicate the scope of the original project and for what part of the original project you plan to use the grant.

What kind of document or final report is required?

Each classroom grant winner must submit a written final report on their project or field trip. Educators are encouraged to include CECA in all plans. In some cases, CECA may be able to provide technical support in the form of classroom presentations or information. In addition, CECA would like to feature your class and project, educational tool or field trip in *Texas Co-op Power* and on the CECA website and Facebook page.

How do I apply?

The entry form is available online at ceca.coop. Click on Youth Opportunities and then Operation Round-Up Classroom Grant Program. The form must be completed and submitted online by 5 p.m., September 30.

Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, contact the Member Services Department at memberservices@ceca.coop or 1-800-915-2533.

ADULT AND NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Going back to school? CECA has a program just for you!



*“An investment in knowledge
pays the best interest.”*

Benjamin Franklin



Through the Operation Round-Up program, CECA is proud to offer a nontraditional scholarship to adults attending college.

To qualify, one must be an active member of CECA and participate in Operation Round-Up. To apply, visit the CECA website at ceca.coop.

Go to the Operation Round-Up page under Member Benefits and complete the online nontraditional scholarship application.

For questions concerning the program, contact CECA's Member Services Department at 1-800-915-2533 or memberservices@ceca.coop.

Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m., September 30.