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See you at the drive-thru

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I am very excited about our 81st Annual Meeting of the Membership of Santee Electric Cooperative!

We heard a tremendous amount of praise for how we handled the drive-through meeting last year, and I am

pleased to report we will use the same format this year. I want to thank two groups for this.

First, our board of trustees had to make the decision that a change was necessary. That is no small feat when an organization has been doing something the same way for eight decades. Your board, however, saw the need and made the right decision. Thank them for this new format if you see them!

Second, our employees are the ones who made the dream come true. The bright, hard-working and talented women and men at SEC took the board's directive and made it happen. Technology, planning, supplies, logistics—all of that had to be addressed from scratch. Thank them as well!

Now that we have one behind us, we know the second drive-through meeting will be even smoother. I would like to reach out to all of you who do not normally attend the meeting. Perhaps you just do not like standing in line. Perhaps you tried it once and it took too long to register. Perhaps you have avoided such meetings because you do not like crowds.

Whatever your reason, give our new Annual Meeting format a chance. You won't even have to get out of your car! Last year, the average wait time from entering our grounds to leaving was 10 minutes. Surely you can spare that much time for a \$15 bill credit, a really cool gift and a chance to win some larger prizes!



Member Service Call Center Manager, Wendy Swinton, helps Donnis McDonald register for the 2020 Annual Meeting.

I would absolutely love to see you out there. As always, I will be in the registration line, waving and smiling at everyone and saying, "Thank you for coming out!"

In case you did not see it plastered all over this magazine, here are the details:

WHEN: Tuesday, May 11 (Registration begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 6 p.m.)

WHERE: SEC Headquarters (424 Sumter Highway, Kingstree—look for the signs)

BRING: Your registration ticket (on the front of this magazine) and your ID

YOU GET: A gift, a \$15 credit and a chance to win more—grab your stuff and head back to home or work. You do not have to be present to win.

BUSINESS MEETING AND PRIZE DRAWINGS:

Virtual only (no in-person attendance). This will be live streamed on our Facebook page at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you May 11. Have a great month!

ROBERT G. ARDIS III President and Chief Executive Officer

High School Seniors

Santee Electric Cooperative will award eight \$500 scholarships to high school seniors at our Annual Meeting, May 11, 2021. Two awards each will be randomly drawn from applicants in Williamsburg, Clarendon, Georgetown and lower Florence counties. Please read the eligibility information and requirements before submitting an application.

Applications are due by 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2021.

Mail applications to:

Mary Grace McGee, PO Box 548, Kingstree, SC 29556. Good luck!

Deadline is April 30.

Enter Today!

Requirements

- You must be a senior in high school to enter.
- All blanks must be filled out or the application will be voided. The application must be signed on the space provided. SEC must receive the application by April 30, 2021, or it will be voided.
- Only one application is allowed per applicant. Duplicate applications will be voided.

Eligibility

8-\$500 Scholarships

- Applicant must be a SEC member or a child or legal ward of a SEC member. Only one scholarship will be awarded per family per year.
- A student can only receive this scholarship one time it is not renewable.
- The scholarship monies can be used by undergraduate students to attend, on a full-time basis, any university or college.
- Only high school seniors with a "C" average or better may apply.
 - This application must be completed and returned to SEC by 4:30 p.m., April 30, 2021.
 - The recipients will be chosen in a random drawing at the Annual Meeting on May 11, 2021. Children of SEC Board of Directors or employees are not eligible.
 - Persons whose names are drawn will be required to provide SEC with an official transcript verifying their eligibility within 30 days after the drawing.
 - The scholarship funds will be paid to the recipients after verification of transcripts.

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Address	City	State ZIP
Phone (day)	Phone (night)	
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