

energy update



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SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE



ACEC is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity available to members, as well as the opening of the Hauschild Scholarship Application period. **Applications for both scholarships are due February 28, 2026.**



Dairyland Power Cooperative Careers Scholarship

The Dairyland Power Cooperative Careers Scholarship was established to support one post-secondary education student annually.

Preference is given to students who are pursuing studies for careers found in electric utility settings (engineering, IT, communications, economics, human resources, public relations, finance/accounting, etc.). Students' parents or legal guardians must be ACEC members.

Hauschild Memorial Scholarship

Graduating high school seniors entering a course of study in the electric field (electricians, line workers, electrical engineers, etc.) are encouraged to apply for an ACEC Hauschild Memorial Scholarship. Students' parents or guardians are not required to be ACEC members but must reside within the boundaries of our service area.

To learn more about ACEC scholarships and download applications, visit <https://acrec.com/youth-opportunities-acec>

TIPS TO AVOID ENERGY SCAMS



Beware of "winter bill relief" energy scams. Scammers often exploit high winter bills by offering fake discount or relief programs. They may ask for upfront payments or personal details to lower your rate. Legitimate utilities never demand gift cards, wire transfers or payment through apps like PayPal or Venmo. Always verify offers directly by calling your utility's phone number located on your energy bill—do not call any phone numbers provided in a suspicious email or text. Remember to take time to confirm before you pay; real savings programs won't pressure you for immediate action.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Winter weather can cause your home heating system to work overtime. Check for air leaks and drafts around doors and windows, then seal them with weatherstripping or caulk. Close fireplace dampers when not in use, and consider installing insulating curtains to help keep warm air inside. You can also save energy by lowering your thermostat a few degrees. Even small adjustments like these can reduce heating costs and improve comfort during the coldest months.



Summary of 2026 ElectricSense® Incentives



ElectricSense®

All incentive eligibility criteria for each measure are listed under the 'Eligibility Criteria' section of this guide

Agricultural/Commercial/Industrial

Circulation Fan	Fans < 36" must be ≥ 18 pounds force/kW Fans ≥ 36" must be ≥ 21 pounds force/kW	\$1	inch
Exhaust Fan	Fans < 36" must be ≥ 18 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP Fans ≥ 36" must be ≥ 21 cfm/watt @ 0.05" SP	\$1	inch
Electric Forklift Battery Charger	Must be "controlled" as defined by cooperative	\$200	each
Dairy Plate Cooler / Well Water Pre-Cooler		\$500	each
Dairy Refrigeration Heat Recovery with Electric Backup	Used with controlled electric water heater as defined by co-op	\$300	each
Low/Zero Energy Livestock Waterer	≤ 500 watts, insulated tank	\$50	each
Scroll Refrigerant Compressor	\$1,000 cap per compressor	\$30	HP
Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)	\$1,000 cap per drive, must provide motor size	\$30	HP

Appliances

All-in-One Washer/Dryer Combo	Must be ENERGY STAR, must use ventless heat pump drying	\$50	each
Clothes Dryer	Must be ENERGY STAR, must be electric	\$25	each
Clothes Washer	Must be ENERGY STAR	\$25	each
Dehumidifier	Must be ENERGY STAR	\$25	each
Dishwasher	Must be ENERGY STAR	\$25	each
Freezer	Must be ENERGY STAR and ≥ 10 cubic ft.	\$25	each
Inductive Range	All inductive ranges qualify	\$25	each
Refrigerator	Must be ENERGY STAR and ≥ 10 cubic ft.	\$25	each
Recycling - Freezer	Must be working appliance	\$25	each
Recycling - Refrigerator	Must be working appliance	\$25	each
Recycling - Room Air Conditioner	Must be working appliance	\$25	each

Audits/Assessments

Audit Recommended Improvements	\$500 cap	varies	each
Energy Audit – Cost of Audit	50% of audit cost, \$200 cap	varies	each
Compressed Air Audit	\$500 cap	varies	each

Conservation

Electric Vehicle Charging Station	Must be "controlled" as defined by cooperative	50% UP TO \$500	each
EV Charging Station – Installation Costs	For secondary "controlled" meter as required by co-op, \$200 cap	varies	each
Electric Vehicle Smart Charger with integrated metering (Must be compatible with Allamakee-Clayton systems)	Must be "controlled" as defined by cooperative	\$1,000	each
ElectricSense® New Home	Must meet 1 of 5 program/code requirements	\$500	each

HVAC

Heat Pump - Air Source & Mini-Split	SEER2 14.3+, or HSPF2 7.5+ <u>OR</u> SEER 15+, or HSPF 8.8+	\$200	ton
Heat Pump - Commercial Air Source & PTHPs	< 20 tons: EER 11+ 20 to < 60 tons: EER 10.5+ ≥ 60 ton: EER 10+	\$200	ton
Heat Pump - Geothermal		\$400	ton
New Furnace with ECM Blower Motor	Variable speed motor (not multi-speed) <u>OR</u> Eae ≤ 670 kWh/year Member's primary heat source	\$35	each

Lighting

LED Exit Sign	50% of cost cap	\$5	sign
LED Fixture	50% of cost cap	\$0.50	per 800 lumens
LED Lamp	5 lamp minimum, 50% of cost cap	\$0.50	lamp
Occupancy/Motion Sensor	Doesn't include exterior motion detector fixtures, 50% of cost cap	\$5	each

Water Heating

Commercial Water Heater 75-99 gallons		\$250	each
Commercial Water Heater 100+ gallons		\$400	each
Residential Water Heater 75-99 gallons	Uniform Energy Factor 0.88+	\$250	each
Residential Water Heater 100+ gallons	Uniform Energy Factor 0.88+	\$400	each
Heat Pump Water Heater	Integrated (all-in-one) units, Uniform Energy Factor 2.20+	\$500	each

The required documentation listed below must be submitted no later than 3 months after purchase or installation:

- ✓ Incentive form (*found at www.acrec.com*)
- ✓ A copy of your receipt or invoice for each item with purchase price(s) circled.
- ✓ ENERGY STAR label for each item, if applicable.
- ✓ Documentation showing appliance was in working order prior to recycling, if applicable.

Incentive not to exceed equipment cost.



**Rebate forms
available at
acrec.com**