

# Sun River Electric Cooperative

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**Phone Numbers:** 406-467-2527 or 1-800-452-7516  
**Website:** www.sunriverelectric.coop

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**406-467-2526 or 1-800-452-7516**

If calling from a local number or cell phone –  
please use: 467-2526 or 467-2527

**Be sure to check your breakers before reporting outages.**

**NOVEMBER 2020**

## Youth Tour replaced with scholarship essay contest

**M**ONTANA'S electric cooperatives have elected not to participate in The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) 2021 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



**SCHOLARSHIP  
ESSAY  
CONTEST**

However, the Youth Tour essay contest for 2021 will still go on, with the statewide winner receiving a \$2,500 scholarship to a college or trade school. In addition Sun River Electric Cooperative will also offer a \$1,500 scholarship to its winner.

*The topic for the essay is: How has reliable electricity benefitted you and your community through the COVID-19 pandemic?*

The criteria to be eligible is:

- The student must be a junior

or senior in high school in the fall of 2021 (currently a sophomore or junior).

- The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by Sun River Electric Cooperative.
- The essay must include a cover page with the student's name, address and telephone number.
- Submit the essay to your electric cooperative no later than Dec. 18, 2020.

If you have any questions, please call Sun River Electric Cooperative.

### Swap Column

**WANTED:** Jari mower parts. William O'Neil, 750-5519.

**FOR SALE:** Grass hay, Montana vintages cars, pickups, tractors. William O'Neil, 750-5519.

**FOR SALE:** 13-quart Presto canner, holds 10 pints or 5 quarts, \$20; Mirro 12 quart canner, holds 7 quart jars. Sandra McGee, 467-2387. 215714



## SUN RIVER ELECTRIC CO-OP CLOSURES

**VETERANS DAY**  
NOVEMBER 11

**THANKSGIVING**  
NOVEMBER 26, 27

### HIDDEN NUMBER

If you find your account number hidden in this issue, it is worth a \$50 credit on your next statement. There is one number hidden in every issue. Give us a call if you are the lucky consumer.

**406-467-2527 or  
1-800-452-7516**

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# Get heating help this winter

**T**HE state of Montana, through the Department of Public Health & Human Services, offers two programs aimed at helping low-income individuals reduce their heating costs.

The programs run from October 1 through April 30 each year. LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) helps with payment of the primary source of heat in the home. Both renters and home owners may apply. *See right for income limits.*

**THE WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM** through LIEAP helps participants improve the heating efficiency of their homes, thus reducing their energy consumption. Applications are ranked according to the degree of need and placed in "priority groups."

Special priority is given to older adults and disabled individuals. Once approved, an energy auditor will set a time to visit with you about the most cost-effective weatherization measures for your home within the dollar limits allowed.

Another organization, **ENERGY SHARE OF MONTANA**, is aimed at helping Montanans faced with emergencies meet their energy needs and move toward self-reliance. It is to be used only after an applicant has been considered for LIEAP. There are no specific income limits; however, if a household has sufficient resources available to meet the needs, it will be ineligible for assistance. Energy Share is a loan program, so others may utilize the funds once they are paid back. Applicants must fill out an application available at Opportunities Inc., 905 1st Ave N, Great Falls, or receive one by mail by calling either 761-0310 or toll-free 1-800-326-0955. Applications may also be available at your LIEAP office or through your energy provider.

*For more information about saving energy in your home, visit <https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance> and select "What Can I Do to Save Energy in My Home?"*

## LIEAP INCOME GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LIMITS	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME LIMITS
1	\$26,616	7	\$69,098
2	\$34,805	8	\$70,634
3	\$42,995	9	\$72,900
4	\$51,184	10	\$79,620
5	\$59,373	11	\$86,340
6	\$67,563	12	\$93,060

## LIEAP CONTACT NUMBERS

### Opportunities, Inc.

905 1st Ave N  
PO Box 2289  
Great Falls MT 59403  
(406) 761-0310  
(800) 326-0955

Serves:  
Cascade,  
Chouteau,  
Glacier

### Rocky Mountain Development Council

648 N Jackson  
PO Box 1717  
Helena MT 59624  
(406) 447-1625  
(800) 356-6544

Serves:  
Broadwater,  
Jefferson,  
Lewis &  
Clark

### North Central Area Agency on Aging

311 S Virginia, Ste 2  
Conrad MT 59425  
(406) 271-7553

Serves:  
Pondera,  
Teton, Toole

### Blackfeet Reservation

Tribal Energy Assistance  
PO Box 850  
Browning MT 59417  
(406) 338-7977



## REBATES

Remember that SREC has appliance and water-heater rebates.

Go to [www.sunriverelectric.coop](http://www.sunriverelectric.coop) for details.

## Get free kids books in SREC area

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60-volume set of books. Each month a new book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Preschool children ages birth to 5, who are residents of Sun River Electric Cooperative's service area, are eligible. (You don't have to be a member, just live in



SREC's service area.)

To register:

1. Online at <http://imaginationlibrary.com/>
2. Online at [www.sunriverelectric.coop](http://www.sunriverelectric.coop).

Eight to 10 weeks after registration, your first book will arrive at your home and will continue until your child turns 5 or you move out of the SREC service area.

### REMINDER:

Bills not paid by the 10th of the month will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Pay as you go with  
**prePAY**  
electricity from SREC. It is easy!  
Call SREC to get started.

