

Watch for your annual report booklet in March. All members invited! Free to attend!

Kentucky Fried Chicken lunch







e want to help you control your energy costs by helping you make your home as energy efficient as possible. So, check out these rebates available to you in 2018. Rebate forms are available on our website at www.oakdalerec.com. If you have additional questions, call us at 800-241-2468 Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### **APPLIANCE REBATES**

Clothes washer	\$25
Clothes dryer	\$25
Dishwasher	
Dehumidifier	\$25
Refrigerator (must be larger than 10 c. feet)	\$25
Heat pump clothes dryer	

All appliances must be ENERGY STAR certified. \*The ENERGY STAR Certification Mark (see image) will be labeled on qualifying appliances.



To receive your rebate, fully complete the rebate form, attach a detailed and legible copy of the receipt, and either:

- Make a copy of the Energy Guide that includes the ENERGY STAR Certified Mark.
- 2. Cut out the ENERGY STAR Certification Mark and product model number from the packaging.

### **APPLIANCE RECYCLING REBATES**

Refrigerator/freezer recycling	\$25
Room air conditioner recycling	

Proof of recycling must be submitted to confirm item(s) in working condition and must be removed from service and fully disposed of following federal, state, and local laws.

### **ELECTRIC WATER HEATER REBATES**

50-79 gallon	\$150/unit
80 gallons or larger	
*Heat pump water heater	
Solar storage water heater	
w/ electric back-up	\$300/unit

The water heater installation will be inspected by the Oakdale Electric Cooperative load management department and a load management control must be installed. A copy of the receipt is required.

\*A control is not required for heat pump water heater.

### **LIGHTING REBATES**

Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs (min. 5 bulbs)\$1
Does not include LED holiday lights
Occupancy sensor\$5
LFD exit sign

Rebate cannot exceed 20% of the cost of the lighting.

To receive your lighting rebate, you must submit the rebate form and a copy of your receipt. If the receipt does not indicate it is a LED bulb, you must submit proof from the package.

Additional lighting fixture rebates are listed on the Lighting Rebate Form, found on www.oakdalerec.com.

### **HVAC REBATES**

### **Heat Pump**

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Air Source & MiniSplit	\$150/ton
(SEER 14+/EER 11+/HSPF 8.2+)	
Commercial Air Source & PTHPs	\$150/ton
(UNDER 20 TON: EER 11+; 20-60 TON:	
EER 10.5+; 60+ TON: EER 10+)	
Geothermal	\$400/ton

New furnace with Efficient ECM Blower Motor......\$35

The AHRI certificate must state whether the unit is either:

- Variable speed OR
- 2. Efficiency (AFUE) > =95% & kWh/yr (Eae) < =670

### **HOME ENERGY AUDIT REBATES**

Implementation rebate.....up to \$500

- Rebate cannot exceed 20% of the cost of the implemented measures. Professional labor costs can be included in the cost. Cost of audit cannot be included.
- Home energy audits must be performed by a statecertified energy auditor.
- Improvements must be completed within 24 months of audit.
- Each member account qualifies for only one Audit Recommended Improvement incentive every five years.

### **IMPORTANT REBATE DETAILS:**

- Receipts must be submitted within three months of installation and purchase.
- Rebates cannot exceed 20% of the cost of equipment.
- Rebates are in place through December 21, 2018, or until funds, by incentive or in total, are depleted.
- Rebates will be applied as a credit on your electric account.
- The rebate program is subject to change without notice.



Rebate Forms can be found on our website at oakdalerec.com.

# **CONGRATULATIONS, ERIC!**

# OEC employee completes Electric Line Worker Apprenticeship program

Eric Flock recently obtained his journeyman lineman certification. He completed the state of Wisconsin's rigorous four-year Electric Line Worker Apprenticeship program, which consisted of 8,000 hours of onthe-job training and 640 hours of classroom-based learning at Chippewa Valley Technical College. Eric passed his final comprehensive exams this past August.



This past January, Eric, along with 50 other men across Wisconsin, attended the apprentice graduation banquet which officially concluded their apprenticeship program. "It was a great learning experience, and I am excited to be moving onto the next step of my career with Oakdale Electric Cooperative." stated Eric.

Eric has been employed with Oakdale Electric Cooperative since January 2014. He currently resides in Tomah. In his free time, Eric enjoys participating in recreational sports and spending time with his two young children.

Oakdale Electric Cooperative congratulates Eric on his achievement and wishes him continued success in his future!



# **YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS**Calling all high school juniors!

Check with your high school guidance counselor for information about this summer's Youth Leadership Congress, to be held July 25–27 on the UW–River Falls campus. You won't want to miss out on this rewarding and fun opportunity!





# **2018 MEMBER PHOTO CONTEST**

### "Life in Rural Wisconsin"

Oakdale Electric Cooperative is holding our annual photo contest for members' photos to be featured in our 2019 calendar. Winning photos may be used in future newsletters or cooperative publications.

### **Photo Contest Criteria:**

- Photos must be taken within the Oakdale Electric Cooperative service area.
- Photos should capture life in rural Wisconsin (seasons, wildlife, landscape, people, etc.).
- Photos must have a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
- Photos can be in color or black and white.
- Only high-resolution photos can be used. Photos must be at least 300 dpi.

### **Photo Contest Rules and Details:**

- Contest will run from February 1, 2018 until August 25, 2018; however, submitted photos can be taken outside of this date range.
- Three (3) photos per member will be accepted.
- All Oakdale Electric Cooperative members 18 years old and over are eligible to submit photos.
- An Oakdale Electric Cooperative member under the age of 18 years old is eligible to participate, but must submit a parent/guardian form with entry.
- · A completed entry form must accompany each photo.
- Member must own rights to photo.
- OEC employees will determine the winning photos.

### **Photo Contest Entry Options:**

- Upload using the Photo Contest Entry Form, found on www.oakdalerec.com, under the News & Community page
- Mail to P.O. Box 40, Oakdale, WI, 54649. (photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size, and 300 dpi)
- **Drop off** at Oakdale Electric Cooperative Office—489 N. Oakwood St., Tomah. (photo(s) must be 8"x10" in size, and 300 dpi)



## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

If you're planning to continue your education at a college or university next fall, we may be able to help you! Check out our website, www.oakdalerec.com, for updated information about our scholarship program.

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Diggers Hotline: For underground cable locates and power line clearance information, call 800-242-8511.