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## Kenergy to award 27 scholarships in 2024

Kenergy has established an annual scholarship program to assist in financing the higher education of students whose families are cooperative members. In 2024, Kenergy will award three \$1,000 scholarships and twenty-four \$500 scholarships. Applications will be accepted from June 1 until June 30.

Scholarships can be used for tuition, fees, campus housing, textbooks, computers, school supplies and other costs directly related to the recipient's education.

### Eligibility and criteria

The student must be a Kenergy member or have his or her residence with a parent or legal guardian who receives electric service from Kenergy.

High school seniors or graduates may apply. High school juniors planning to attend an accredited college, as a high school senior, 2024-2025 with full-time status, may also apply. Applicants must attend or have plans to attend college during the upcoming fall and/or spring semester. Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time program (no fewer than 12 credit hours) at a fully accredited college, university, technical college or trade school. Nine credit hours meets full-time requirement for Masters programs. Post-graduate college students also may apply. Nontraditional students are welcome as well.



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Kenergy scholarships are one-time-only awards. Previous winners may not apply.

Scholarship recipients must permit Kenergy to use their names, parents/guardians' names, county of residence and photograph in the cooperative's publications, including social media.

### How to apply

Kenergy's scholarships can be applied for at [www.kenergycorp.com](http://www.kenergycorp.com) during the entire month of June.

- Complete applicant information. (Please list an email address that you check regularly. If you are a winner, you will be notified using that email.)
- Watch a short video about the cooperative business model.
- Answer multiple-choice questions about the video.
- When you have successfully completed the quiz, your registration will be confirmed on the last page.

### Selection and notification

On July 2, 2024, a random computerized drawing will be held for three \$1,000 scholarships and twenty-four \$500 scholarships. Winners will be notified by email on July 3 and must contact Jeanette Weedman by return email as soon as possible. The deadline to reply is July 9, 2024, verifying they received notification and accept the scholarship according to above guidelines or they will forfeit and another winner may be drawn as scholarship winner.

Winners will be posted on Kenergy's website and social media accounts after the drawing. They will also be listed in *Kentucky Living*.

### Questions?

Contact Jeanette Weedman at (800) 844-4832 extension 6157 or email [jweedman@kenergycorp.com](mailto:jweedman@kenergycorp.com).





Substation Crew Leader Randy Dukate—40 years of service



Contractor Coordinator Kevin Hamilton—35 years of service. Photos: Kenergy staff

## Staying connected

Staying connected with your co-op keeps you informed

Recently, one of our newer employees asked me what makes electric co-ops different than other types of utilities. This month, I thought I'd tell you of few of the things I told him.

Because we're a co-op, we operate a little differently than other utilities. Kenergy's decisions are made locally, by directors who also live right here in our community. Everyone who pays to receive electricity from the co-op is a member. When you pay your electric bill each month, your money stays here—to pay for the electricity used, or to make improvements to our local system to strengthen service reliability. The money you pay the co-op doesn't line the pockets of shareholders five states away. We're a co-op, and we exist to provide a service to you, our local members.

You may notice that throughout the year, we schedule opportunities for you to attend co-op events and participate in co-op programs, like our popular member appreciation day, so we can hear from you. We offer scholarships and participate in the Washington Youth Tour program giving opportunities to our young members to advance their education.

Our success lies in your satisfaction, which is why we offer these opportunities to engage and listen to what you have to say. Because you're part of an electric cooperative, you can count on our team to maintain local jobs, at-cost electricity and first-class service, no matter what the economy—and supply chain issues—throw at us.

If you want to receive important information from Kenergy, make sure your contact information is up-to-date with us. You can also stay in the know by following us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and checking our website.

Please know that you—the members of Kenergy are at the heart of everything we do. Co-ops adhere to seven guiding cooperative principles that reflect core values of honesty, transparency, equity, inclusiveness and service.

We exist to serve you and provide the quality, reliable, friendly service you expect and deserve. While we've grown over the years, we're still driven by the same guiding principles to serve our community. We hope to see or hear from you soon. This co-op was created for you, the members. The power is in your hands.

By Keith Ellis  
VP Administrative Services



# Kenergy receives \$10.2 million award from Gov. Andy Beshear

Kenergy has been awarded \$10.2 million from Gov. Andy Beshear to help fund the Connect, powered by Kenergy project bringing high-speed internet to the electric cooperative's members. This money will help buildout to 2,353 homes and business in Henderson County and 1,221 homes and businesses in Daviess County.

Beshear presented the check to Tim Lindahl, Kenergy president and CEO, on Friday, March 1, as part of a press conference at Henderson County High School. Lindahl highlighted the critical need for western Kentuckians to have access to high-speed, reliable internet.

"Today's broadband needs are what electricity was to the commonwealth in the 1930s," says Lindahl. "By installing infrastructure that is owned by the people it serves, giving all of the benefits back to those people, we are on pace with this funding to solve this problem for generations."



Kenergy VP Operations Matt Moffitt, Kenergy President and CEO Tim Lindahl, Conexon's Leslye Krampe and Kenergy VP Accounting Travis Siewert accept the \$10.2 million check from Gov. Beshear. Photo: Leslie Barr

Connect, powered by Kenergy is one of the fastest fiber deployment projects in the United States anticipating a full system buildout by the end of 2025.

"We feel like what Kenergy is doing is sparking a broadband

transformation in western Kentucky," Lindahl says. "We are grateful for our partnership with Conexon and now the state with this funding opportunity to keep this monumental shift for our communities."

## END BANDWIDTH BATTLES!

Get connected to high-speed, reliable internet for the whole family this summer.

### WHY CONNECT?

- Internet in partnership with your local cooperative
- No data caps or throttling
- Affordable pricing for every household
- Phone services also available
- And more! Fiber internet opens up a world of opportunity.

### Let's Connect!

Check your availability at [ConexonConnect.com](https://ConexonConnect.com), call 844-542-6663, or scan our QR code!





## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Toll Free:** For information or to report an outage  
(800) 844-4832

**Henderson:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
6402 Old Corydon Road

**Owensboro:** 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
3111 Fairview Drive

**Hanson:** 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
2620 Brown Badgett Loop

**Hawesville:** 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
315 Hawes Blvd

**Marion:** 9 a.m. – Noon, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
3000 Mott City Road

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# BUYING A NEW HOME?

**Make sure its electrical system is up to snuff**

There are so many things to think about when buying a new home. One of the last things might be the electrical system that's mostly hidden in the walls.

But having your home's wiring, circuit box, outlets, switches and more checked out by a licensed electrician should be high on your list of things to do before closing.

### DURING AN INSPECTION, THE ELECTRICAL PROFESSIONAL WILL:

- Identify any fire or safety hazards. These include frayed, exposed or damaged wires, inside and outside receptacles not protected with arc or ground fault circuit interrupters and tamper-resistant outlet electrical receptacles.
- Make sure all the electrical components are working safely.
- Identify any problem areas or wiring mistakes.
- Help meet insurance risk assessment inspection requirements.

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All Kenergy offices will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.



To our heroes—we salute you and we thank you.

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