

# Wake ElectriConnection

For members of Wake Electric Membership Corporation



"The power to make a difference"

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## Together We Save Even More

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO LOWER YOUR ENERGY BILLS THIS WINTER?

*Wake Electric has you covered.*

**W**ake Electric is part of a nationwide energy efficiency campaign known as Together We Save. The campaign's mission is to motivate co-op members like you to make small changes in behavior that add up to big savings. And at Wake Electric, we're always looking for ways to bring value to our members. Together We Save offers an unprecedented collection of resources and advice on simple energy efficiency steps you can take in your home.

We've recently recharged the Together We Save campaign with even more tips and ideas to help you save on your energy bills. Where can you go to access this money-saving information? Log on to TogetherWeSave.com, the campaign's online epicenter. Once you arrive, click on one of the tabs, such as "Add Up Your Savings," and enter your ZIP code. You will be redirected to Wake Electric's customized site that is personalized to reflect local rates. Now you're ready to start saving!

TogetherWeSave.com offers everything from videos and interactive applications to an energy savings forum. Use the navigation bar across the top of the landing page to explore the site.

Touchstone Energy® Web TV, found under the "Watch and Learn" tab, is a compilation of more than 50 short how-to videos on topics such as lighting, heating/cooling, insulation and many other energy efficiency topics.

Got an old refrigerator in your basement or garage? It's probably costing you more than you think. Click on the "Energy Savings Applications" tab and scroll down to find out how much you could save by saying goodbye to that old refrigerator. Another new application demonstrates how to save even more with ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances.

Take the Energy Savings Home Tour, found under the "Add Up Your Savings" tab, and discover how all of these small changes add up in a big way. The Home Tour

guides you through each room in a typical home and recommends several energy-savings tips in each room. Areas highlighted in yellow prompt you to take various interactive energy-saving steps, demonstrating how these changes can translate to real savings on your utility bill.

Live in a manufactured home? A new feature points out more than a dozen ways you can cut energy costs throughout your home.

Helping our members save money during tough times is important to us. It's just one more way Wake Electric is looking out for you.

If you're interested in more information on how to make your home more energy-efficient, **call (800) 474-6300 with questions.**

## Save date for Wake Electric's 2011 Annual Meeting

**When:** Friday, March 25

**Time:** Registration—5:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting—7 p.m.

**Location:** Louisburg College  
Auditorium

**To learn more:** Visit  
[www.wemc.com/annualmeeting.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/annualmeeting.aspx).  
We hope to see you there!



*Happy New Year  
from Wake Electric!*

We wish you a happy, safe and prosperous 2011.



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Membership Corporation

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## Join us for Member Advisory Committee Meetings in February

**D**o you want to discuss recent energy legislation and electric utility-issues that matter to you? Then join Wake Electric at one of its Member Advisory Committee (MAC) meetings in February. Members are invited to meet and talk with members of the Wake Electric management team.

This meeting is open to all Wake Electric members. As an incentive, we will have several drawings for a \$25 credit on your next electric bill. You can increase your odds of winning by inviting and bringing another Wake Electric member who has never attended a MAC meeting. If your guest's name is drawn for the \$25 credit, you will receive a \$25 credit, too. Dinner is included for all attendees.

Meetings are relaxed and casual. Members hear about the latest issues facing Wake Electric and are encouraged to engage in

open discussion and ask questions.

The February MAC meetings will be held at Wake Electric's Youngsville office at 228 Park Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Members can choose to attend ONE of the following meetings:

- ★ Tuesday, February 15
- ★ Wednesday, February 16
- ★ Monday, February 21

If you have any questions or wish to RSVP, please contact Darnell Alford, Business Operations Specialist at (919) 863-6312 or (800) 474-6300 or e-mail her at [Darnell.Alford@WEMC.com](mailto:Darnell.Alford@WEMC.com). You must RSVP by 5 p.m. February 9. Space is limited, so it is on a first come, first serve basis. If the date you have chosen is full, you will be notified. Be sure to leave a contact number in your RSVP message.



### JIM MANGUM GIVES PRESENTATION

Our last MAC Meetings were a great success! A total of 147 members attended our October 2010 MAC meetings. Jim Mangum, General Manager and CEO of Wake Electric, spoke about anticipating changes in the federal government's electric energy policy. Members in attendance enjoyed fellowship and a delicious dinner, catered by Holden's Barbecue of Youngsville.

## Co-op seeks applicants for scholarships

Wake Electric is currently seeking students to apply for its prestigious scholarship program. Students can apply for the coveted Fred M. Alford Scholarship (\$2,000), as well as 16 Touchstone Energy Scholarships (each \$1,250).

All applications will be under consideration for one of the two scholarship categories. Students only need to submit one application to be considered for both programs.

The requirements for the Fred M. Alford Scholarship are:

- ★ Must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- ★ Must be a high school graduating senior (cannot already be attending college)
- ★ Must pursue a four-year undergraduate baccalaureate degree at an accredited institution in North Carolina

The requirements for the Touchstone Energy Scholarships are:

- ★ Must be a child of or under legal guardianship of a Wake Electric member or live in a home served by Wake Electric
- ★ Must use these funds at a North Carolina college or university, community college, vocational or technical school
- ★ Applicants can be a high school graduating senior or already enrolled full-time in a university, community college, vocational or technical school

To find out more, visit [www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/scholarships.aspx). The deadline to submit applications to the Wake Electric Scholarship Program is Friday, March 11.

Questions? Contact Wake Electric at [communications@wemc.com](mailto:communications@wemc.com) or (919) 863-6312.

## Co-op awards 40 savings bonds to local students

Wake Electric recently awarded 40 U.S. Savings Bonds to area students who received at least one "A" (or its equivalent) on their report cards. The \$50 savings bond awards were part of a drawing held three times a year at the co-op.

Students in any grade in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Vance and Wake counties are eligible to apply.

Funding for the "Give Us an A" program is made possible by Wake Electric members through the Operation RoundUp program. Members who sign up to participate in the Operation RoundUp program elect to have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the next whole dollar. These pennies collectively add up to major dollars for community programs.

The next "Give Us an A" drawing will be held on Thursday, January 20. Because each school district may have a different time for issuing report cards, if a student's entry misses one deadline, the entry will automatically be included in the next drawing.

For information on how to enter, go to [www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/giveusana.aspx).

The program is another way Wake Electric demonstrates its commitment to education and youth.



*Congratulations to two of Wake Electric's "Give Us an A" winners from the most recent drawing, Olivia Wilson from Youngsville Elementary School and Hunter Dickerson from Heritage Middle School.*

### "Give Us an A" winners

Name	School
Savannah Blalock	Franklin Academy
Joshua Blalock	Franklin Academy
Tavares Branch, Jr.	Franklinton High
Sharecia Bullock	Northern Granville Middle
Ameila Coleman	Franklin Academy
Patrick Coleman	Franklin Academy
Kaitlyn Denton	Southern Nash High School
Hunter Dickerson	Heritage Middle
Lauren Emer	Franklin Academy
Nicholas Emer	Franklin Academy
Rita Furbert	Durant Road Middle
Randi Gibbs	Franklinton High
Colin Gough	Franklin Academy
Joshua Graham	Franklin Academy
Jessica Graham	Franklin Academy
Greyson Hagwood	Franklin Academy
Monica Hernandez	Butner-Stem Elementary
Lauren Elizabeth Ingram	Franklin Academy
James Carson Ingram	Franklin Academy
William Alexander Ingram	Franklin Academy

Name	School
Louis Isabella III	Franklinton High
Erin Lemin	Heritage Middle
Aaron Noll	Neuse Christian Academy
Stephen Noll	Neuse Christian Academy
Joshua Noll	Neuse Christian Academy
William Oakes	Franklinton High
Kaitlin Oakes	Youngsville Elementary
Sydney Parsons	North Forest Pines Elementary
Austin Parsons	Raleigh Charter High
Kylee Parsons	Raleigh Charter High
Christen Rogers	Franklin Academy
Caitlin Rogers	Franklin Academy
Kaetlyn Ryan	Durant Road Middle
Sara Jana Sadovy	Wakefield High
Weston Sadovy	Wakefield High
Ashley Sajecki	Heritage Middle
Yarmisha Smith	Youngsville Elementary
Betha Stroud	Harris Creek Elementary
Nicholas Whitmer	Franklin Academy
Olivia Wilson	Youngsville Elementary

# Bright Ideas 2010 grant winners

**W**ake Electric awarded 39 teachers in Johnston, Franklin, Granville, Wake, Nash, Durham and Vance counties with Bright Ideas grants, totaling more than \$50,000 in grant monies (See chart on page E to the right.). The grants will be used for a variety of classroom programs throughout the school year.

Wake Electric offers Bright Ideas grants to individual teachers and administrators at schools operating in counties served by Wake Electric. The 2010 Bright Ideas winners were honored on November 19 at a banquet held at the Hilton North Raleigh.

Bright Ideas, sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives (which includes Wake Electric), strives to improve education in North Carolina's classrooms by awarding grants to teachers in grades K-12 for innovative, classroom-based projects that would not otherwise be funded.

Since the program's inception in 1994, the Bright Ideas grant program has funded more than 6,500 projects and awarded more than \$7.1 million in grant monies to deserving North Carolina teachers. Wake Electric's Bright Ideas grant program alone has awarded more than \$530,000 to area educators since 1994.



*Fred Keller, Manager of Member & Energy Services for Wake Electric, congratulates one of Wake Electric's Bright Ideas grant winners at the 2010 Touchstone Energy Bright Ideas Awards luncheon, held November 19 at the Hilton North Raleigh.*

To learn more about the grant program, visit [www.ncbrightideas.com](http://www.ncbrightideas.com) or Wake Electric's website at [www.wemc.com/brightideas.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/brightideas.aspx).



## BY SPENDING A FEW MINUTES, I'M SAVING A LOT.

Yeah, a few minutes. That's all the time it takes me to change my home's air filter every month and save \$82 a year. Not bad for a few minutes of work, huh? What can you do? Find out how the little changes add up at [TogetherWeSave.com](http://TogetherWeSave.com).



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## Bright Ideas 2010 Grant Winners

BI Grant Winner	School	Name of Grant	County
Elizabeth Logan	Princeton High	UV Detectives	Johnston County
Kimberly Leonard	Louisburg Elementary	Take a Step Back in Time	Franklin County
Joan Stoneback	Butner-Stem Elementary	Making a Home for Chicken Little	Granville County
Monica Neal	Clayton High	Math on the Move	Johnston County
Suzanne Sweat	Neuse Charter School	Around the World in 180 Days	Johnston County
Kelly Puglisa	South Smithfield Elementary	Get Your Green On in the Library	Johnston County
Nikki Valentine	Royal Elementary	Eco-Investigations	Franklin County
Marcy Keener	J W Parker Elementary	Digital Data	Nash County- Rocky Mount
Rich Nixon	Corinth Holders High School	Wake Up The Echoes: The Life and Rebirth of Corinth Holders High School	Johnston County
Susan Snow	C G Credle Elementary	Where in the U.S. is Ms. Snow?	Granville County
Brian Wood	William G Enloe High	Recycled Homework	Wake County
Katie Barefoot	Selma Elementary	Puede usted leer esto? (Can You Even Read This?)	Johnston County
Laura L. Rush	Panther Creek High	Modeling Electricity & Magnetism	Wake County
Malia Eichelberger	East Clayton Elementary	Exploring the World Using Green!	Johnston County
Stephen R. Colbert	Wake Early College of Health and Sciences	Integration of GIS Software and Handheld GPS Receivers Across the High School Curriculum	Wake County
Denise Walsh	Timber Drive Elementary	Laptime Listening	Wake County
Kathy Feola	Riverwood Middle	What is growing on your desk?	Johnston County
Alison Bryan	West Clayton Elementary	Podcasting with Spice	Johnston County
Molly Boone	Riverwood Middle	The Amazing GPS Race	Johnston County
Thomas Presti	Archer Lodge Middle	Holocaust R.I.C.E. Project	Johnston County
Jeff Batten	G C Hawley Middle	Using Dell Mini Laptops To Teach 21st Century Skills Through Collaborative Interdisciplinary Project	Granville County
Lacy Coley	Royal Elementary	Frog Guts Virtual Dissection	Franklin County
Lanelle Sutton	Smithfield Middle	"I Have Techno Skills and I Know How to Use Them!"	Johnston County
Amanda Gosek	Selma Elementary	Picture This Geometry	Johnston County
Margaret Hernandez	Wilton Elementary	Breaking News!	Granville County
Trude Kibbe	Bunn Middle	Flip Video For Family Night	Franklin County
Monica Ball	G C Hawley Middle	Fueling Literacy at the Destination Reading Station!	Granville County
Monica Stokes	Pleasant Union Elementary	Technology for Special People	Wake County
Joseph Golden	Southern Nash Middle	"There is something fishy about the water"	Nash County-Rocky Mount
Thomas Glenn Morris	Franklinton High	Computer Station for An Earth Science Resource Center— An Aid for Differentiated Instruction	Franklin County
Brian Krieger	Wendell Middle	Cultures in Motion: How Sports Showcase Global Connections	Wake County
Karen Waller	Timber Drive Elementary	39 Clues to Reading	Wake County
Kristi Nelson	Powhatan Elementary	Flat Stanley in the 21st Century	Johnston County
Maria W. Styers	Franklinton High	Creating a Community of Learning— Working Together	Franklin County
Mona Finch	Smithfield Middle	Knight Tales	Johnston County
Michelle Azzu Gainey	W G Pearson Elementary	Electronic Theory Elective	Durham County
Alan Lamb	Northern Vance High	Ceramic Studio	Vance County
Jo Tyler	Pinkston Street Elementary	Inspiring Reluctant Readers	Vance County
Lynn Powell	Youngsville Elementary	Colonial Camp	Franklin County

The funds for the Bright Ideas grants are made possible through the Operation RoundUp program.

# Wake Electric Annual Meeting requirements

Excerpts from Wake Electric's bylaws relating to voting, proxies, director qualifications, districts and nominations are listed below for the Annual Meeting scheduled for March 25, 2011. A complete copy of the bylaws is available upon request.

## **ARTICLE III-SECTION 3.06 VOTING.**

Each member who is not in a status of suspension...shall be entitled to one vote...Voting by members other than members who are natural persons shall be allowed upon the presentation...of satisfactory evidence entitling the person... to vote. A person entitled to cast the vote of such an entity, who is also himself a member, may vote his own membership as well as that of the entity he represents. At all meetings of the members at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting there-on in person or by proxy, except as otherwise provided.

## **ARTICLE III-SECTION 3.07 PROXIES.**

At any meeting of the members any member may vote by proxy if such proxy (a) is registered before or at the time of the meeting (b) is executed by the member in writing and designates the holder thereof...which holder(s) shall be the member's spouse, an adult close relative (18 years or older) residing in the same household as the member, or another member and (c) specifies the particular meeting...no person shall vote as proxy for more than five (5) members...Whenever a member is absent from a meeting...but whose spouse attends such meeting, such spouse shall be deemed to hold, and may exercise and vote unless such member has given a written proxy to some other person

## **ARTICLE IV-SECTION 4.01 NUMBER AND GENERAL POWERS.**

The business and affairs of the Cooperative shall be managed by a Board consisting of nine (9) directors, which shall exercise all of the powers of the Cooperative except such as are by law or by the Cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

## **ARTICLE IV-SECTION 4.02 QUALIFICATIONS.**

Any member shall be eligible to become or remain a director of the Cooperative save and except those who: (a) While serving on the Board or during the ten (10) years preceding his or her nomination thereto shall have been finally adjudged to be guilty of a felony; or (b) Are or become a close relative of an incumbent director or of an employee of the Cooperative, PROVIDED, no incumbent director shall lose eligibility to remain a director or to be re-elected as a director if he or she becomes a close relative of another incumbent director or of a Cooperative employee because of marriage to which he or she was not a party; or (c) Have not continuously been, for at least two (2) years prior to his or her nomination, or who have ceased after his or her election to be, a member in good standing of the Cooperative, receiving service there from at his or her primary residential abode in the Directorate District from which he or she is elected, PROVIDED, that the operating or chief executive of any member which is not a natural person, such as a corporation, church, etc., or his or her designee, shall, notwithstanding that he or she does not receive service from the Cooperative at his

or her primary residential abode, be eligible to become a director, from the Directorate District in which such member is located, if he (or she) or such designee (1) is in substantial permanent occupancy, direction or use of the premises served by the Cooperative, and (2) is a permanent and year-round resident within or in close proximity to an area served by the Cooperative, BUT PROVIDED FURTHER, that no more than one (1) person may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time); or (d) Are removed by a majority vote of the remaining directors, in accordance with the procedures hereinafter set forth; or (e) Are not at least eighteen (18) years old; or (f) Are or within the past ten years have been employed by the Cooperative; (g) Are or within the past ten years have been employed by any subsidiary of the Cooperative; (h) Are or within the past five years have been employed by any cooperative, corporation, limited liability company or other organization or legal entity in which the Cooperative is a member; (i) Are or within the past five years have been employed by any cooperative, corporation, limited liability company or other organization or legal entity in which the Cooperative is a stockholder owning or in control of two percent or more of the outstanding interest in such entity; or (j) Are or within the past ten years have been in any way: (1) employed by or hold a substantial financial interest in a competing enterprise, or (2) a vendor selling supplies to the Cooperative; (k) Are or within the past ten years have been in any way employed by or hold a substantial financial interest in a business selling electric energy to the Cooperative or a business substantially engaged in selling

electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures, supplies or wiring primarily to the members of the Cooperative.

(l) Are or within the past five years have been employed by, or worked primarily as a consultant to, any other electric, telephone, natural gas or other utility company, including generation companies and power marketers, or any trade association or governmental agency or entity which deals with utility services including, but not limited to, other electric membership corporations, investor-owned utilities or municipally-owned utilities.

#### **ARTICLE IV-SECTION 4.05 DIRECTORATE DISTRICTS.**

District One is an at-large district that includes the Cooperative's entire service area.

District Two is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Wake County east of N.C. Highway 50; north of the Neuse River; west of U.S. Highway 1 until it intersects with U.S. Highway 1-A south of Wake Forest, then west of U.S. 1-A.

District Three is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Franklin, Granville and Vance and Counties north of N.C. Highway 56.

District Four is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Durham,

Granville and Wake Counties south of N.C. Highway 56; west of N.C. Highway 50.

District Five is an at-large district that includes the Cooperative's entire service area.

District Six is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Wake and Franklin Counties east of U.S. Highway 1 until it intersects with U.S. Highway 1-A south of Wake Forest and then east of U.S. Highway 1-A; south of SR 1100; west of U.S. Highway 401; and north of the Neuse River.

District Seven is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Granville and

Franklin Counties east of N.C. Highway 50; south of N.C. Highway 56; and west of Highway 1-A; north of N.C. State Road 1100; and north of N.C. Highway 98.

District Eight is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Wake and

Franklin Counties north of the Neuse River; east of U.S. Highway 401; south of N.C. State Road 1100; and south of N.C. Highway 98.

District Nine is that portion of the Cooperative's service area located in Johnston and Nash Counties.

#### **SECTION 4.06 NOMINATIONS**

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Committee on Nominations and resolutions at least 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Committee on Nominations, consisting of nine (9) members of the Cooperative, who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, directors or known candidates for director, who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household, thereof. The General Manager shall convene the Committee and it shall be the duty of the Committee to meet and prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) with respect to each Directorate District from or with respect to which a director must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any director to be elected with respect to any Directorate District as it deems desirable...Any fifteen (15) or more members of the cooperative, acting together, may make

additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted.

#### **SECTION 4.07. VOTING FOR DIRECTORS.**

In the election of directors, each member shall be entitled to cast the number of votes (but not cumulatively) which corresponds to the total number of directors to be elected, but no member may vote for more nominees than the number of directors that are to be elected from or with respect to any particular Directorate District.

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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# Wake Electric seeks applicants for 2011 Youth Tour

WINNERS RECEIVE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AND ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO D.C.



**W**ake Electric seeks applicants for a \$1,000 scholarship for college, plus a free, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the 2011 Rural Electric Youth Tour. The trip is set to be held June 11–17.

Students who attend the Youth Tour will join 1,500 high school students from across the U.S. to learn about electric cooperatives, American history and the United States government. Students will also visit the historic sites of the nation's capital.

Applicants must be current high school juniors in Wake, Durham, Johnston, Vance, Granville, Nash, or Franklin counties. Students do not have to live in households served by Wake Electric in order to win.

For more information on eligibility or to download an application, please visit [www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/youthtours.aspx). The deadline to submit applications to the Youth Tour program is Friday, March 11.

If you have any questions, please contact Wake Electric at [communications@wemc.com](mailto:communications@wemc.com) or (919) 863-6312.

## 2011 Touchstone Energy Sports Camp scholarships: Apply in January!



North Carolina's Touchstone Energy cooperatives, including Wake Electric, are providing all-expense-paid scholarships for deserving young women to attend the Kellie Harper Basketball Camp at NC State in Raleigh and for young men to attend the Roy Williams Basketball Camp at UNC in Chapel Hill this summer.

Wake Electric will award one scholarship to the top male applicant and one scholarship to the top female applicant to attend these prestigious basketball camps.

The Roy Williams Basketball Camp will be held June 18–22 and the Kelli Harper Basketball Camp will be held July 3–6. Coaches at both camps will work closely with each camper to develop fundamental skills that will help the young athletes both on and off the court.

Rising sixth through eighth graders are eligible to apply and Wake Electric will begin accepting applications on Monday, January 3. The deadline to apply is Thursday, March 31. Applicants will be judged on their academics, extra-curricular activities and accompanying essay.

Students can download an application at [www.wemc.com/basketball.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/basketball.aspx), starting January 3.

The Sports Camps program provides an educational and athletic opportunity for outstanding students.

## Nonprofits can apply for RoundUp grants

Wake Electric is seeking grant applications from nonprofit organizations in Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Wake and Vance counties for the first quarter. The grant deadline is Friday, March 11.

Through its Operation RoundUp program, the Wake Electric Foundation board will consider grant requests for projects and proposals that serve a broad range of individuals, as well as use the funds for educational, charitable or economic development purposes.

Grant requests can be made for up to \$5,000 and are given out in January, April, July, and October. Grant applicants who apply this quarter will find out the status of their proposals in April.

IRS designated, nonprofit agencies serving in counties that Wake Electric serves (Durham, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Nash, Wake and Vance counties) are eligible to apply. The agency does not have to be a member of Wake Electric.

Nonprofit organizations can receive up to \$5,000 in a calendar year and can only apply once each calendar year.

For more information or for an application, go to [www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx](http://www.wemc.com/oproundup.aspx) or contact Wake Electric at (919) 863-6312 or email [communications@wemc.com](mailto:communications@wemc.com).

