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2021 Youth Scholarship AWARDS

Since 2006, the Sawnee Foundation has awarded youth scholarships to a select group of local high school seniors seeking to further their education. The Foundation's Board of Directors has approved the 2021 Youth Scholarship awards and selected the following twenty (20) students to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

MS. ANNSLEY ANGLIN

Dawson County High School

MS. EMILY BALDWIN

Creekview High School

MS. QUINN BENSON

Forsyth Central High School

MR. JEREMY BROWN

Creekview High School

MR. LOGAN CARRAS

Sequoyah High School

MS. KATHLEEN DALY

Lambert High School

MS. COLBY LOUISE HETZEL

West Forsyth High School

MS. KYLISSA KATALINICH

Chattahoochee High School

MS. THARINI KAVITHA

South Forsyth High School

MR. CHRISTOPHER KELLY

West Forsyth High School

MS. ELIZABETH KEYS

Dawson County High School

MS. KATIE KRZNARICH

Cambridge High School

MS. GRACE LIM

Denmark High School

MR. KEVIN MARANTO

West Forsyth High School

MS. VIBHA MOHAN

South Forsyth High School

MS. ALANA MURRAY

Alliance Academy

MS. VALERIE PONOMAREV

Chattahoochee High School

MR. CALEB ROBERSON

Dawson County High School

MS. JASMINE SONG

Lambert High School

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

**There are three constants
in life... change, choice
and principles."**

— Stephen Covey

Congratulations to this year's Youth Scholarship recipients. Information about the 2022 scholarship process is available at sawnee.com/scholarships. Questions may also be directed to Mrs. Cindy Badgett, Director of External Affairs, at (678) 455-1399 or via email at cindy.badgett@sawnee.com.



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FOUNDATION

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AVOID UTILITY SCAMS

Scammers will threaten you with everything from shutting off power to your home to legal action. Don't fall victim to these types of scams.



Things to Remember

- Sawnee EMC employees will never show up at your door to demand payment.
- Never give personal information to an unknown caller or visitor. SEMC representatives have access to the details they need to service your account.
- Demands for immediate payment by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards or cash reload cards should immediately raise red flags.
- If you think you've been contacted by a scammer falsely representing Sawnee EMC, please let us know as soon as possible.

Final Thoughts

Our increasingly connected world gives scammers more opportunities to connect with unsuspecting residential and commercial member-owners. Be vigilant and report utility scams to us as soon as possible. Together, we can help prevent others from being victimized.

Questions? Contact our Customer Call Center at (770) 887-2363, text (678) 999-8124, email customerservice@sawnee.com or chat online at sawnee.com.



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USAGE ALERTS

Eliminate Surprises on Your Bill

What you spend on electricity can be tricky, at times, to predict, but you can take control of your electricity usage and monthly energy budget with Sawnee EMC's Usage Alerts. With Sawnee EMC, you have access to your meter information which lets you know how much electricity you are using at all times. Upon accessing your account using

SmartHub, Sawnee EMC's online account management portal, you can then see the daily and hourly kilowatt-hours used. Additionally, we have two (2) separate tools to help you manage your electricity usage. With Usage Alerts – we notify you about any sudden increases in your usage!

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POWER USAGE ALERTS

Notifies you of high usage on your account so you can avoid any surprises on an upcoming bill. For example, Power Usage Alerts could come in handy if you had an unknown HVAC or electric water heater issue which would impact your next electric bill.

How to Set Up Power Usage Alert

- Log into your Sawnee EMC account, via SmartHub, at sawnee.com
- Go to "**Notifications**" > "**Manage Notifications**" > "**Usage**"
- Click "**Options**" to set your usage threshold(s)
- Finally, click "**Save**"

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BILLING ALERTS

Similar to Power Usage Alerts, but utilizes a dollar amount instead of a kilowatt-hour amount as your threshold. For example, when you enter a billing alert threshold of \$100, you will receive a notification, via email, as you approach that amount.

How to Set Up Billing Alerts

- Locate your Sawnee EMC account number and enroll your account at sawnee.com/alerts



What Should My Threshold Amount Be?

It is important to make sure you select a threshold that works for your account – consider these options:

- Familiarize yourself with your average monthly bill amounts and the amount of kilowatt-hours your location uses
- Check your energy usage charts and billing history, via SmartHub, to help you determine your monthly and daily averages

Knowledge is power and with Sawnee EMC's Usage Alerts, you have the tools you need to stay in the know regarding your electricity usage. Questions? Contact a member of our Customer Call Center at (770) 887-2363, text (678) 999-8124, email customerservice@sawnee.com or chat at sawnee.com.



Smart light bulbs and smart switches offer convenient control through voice commands or a smart phone app, and you can save additional energy (and money!) when coupled with LED bulbs.

Photo Credit: Philips

Time for a Summer Vacation?

Make sure you are prepared before leaving by following these tips.

1. Assure fans and lights are turned off or consider using a timer. Remember to unplug small electrical equipment, such as DVD players, TVs, gaming consoles and computers.
2. Program your thermostat to a "vacation" mode or adjust it a few degrees higher.
3. Turn your water heater temperature down or place on a "vacation" setting.

Find out more ways to save at our Energy Solutions Center at sawnee.com. Your wallet will thank you.

Here's WATTS Cookin'

Zucchini, Black Bean and Rice Skillet

Ingredients:

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| <i>1 tbsp. oil of choice</i> | <i>2 cups brown rice, cooked</i> |
| <i>1 ½ cups zucchini, cubed</i> | <i>1 cup fresh or frozen corn</i> |
| <i>½ cup red onion, chopped</i> | <i>¼ - ½ cup green pepper, diced (optional)</i> |
| <i>3 cloves garlic, chopped</i> | <i>½ tsp. chili powder</i> |
| <i>1 (15 oz.) can black beans, drained & rinsed</i> | <i>¼ tsp. ground cumin</i> |
| <i>1 (14.5 oz.) can diced tomatoes</i> | <i>½ cup shredded cheese</i> |
| <i>(can use fire roasted with garlic)</i> | <i>(Monterey Jack blend works well)</i> |

Instructions:

Heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add zucchini, onion and garlic. Cook, stirring until slightly browned. Add beans, tomatoes, rice, corn, green pepper (if using) and spices. Stir well. Cover and cook until heated through. Sprinkle with cheese.

👉 Thanks to Linda Moskovics for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.com.