



OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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The power of participation

Why your voice matters at Owen Electric's Annual Meeting

As a member of Owen Electric, you are more than just a customer—you are an owner. Your membership in our cooperative comes with the unique opportunity to have a voice in the decisions that shape the future of our organization. One of the best ways to exercise that voice is by attending our member appreciation days and annual meeting.

Each year, this event serves as an opportunity for members to engage in the business of the cooperative, stay informed on important initiatives and interact with the board members who advocate for the best interests of our communities. Unlike investor-owned utilities, which operate to generate profits for shareholders, Owen Electric is a member-owned cooperative that exists solely to serve you. That means your participation directly influences how we operate and ensures that we continue providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

A key part of this democratic process is the governance of Owen Electric. Our board of directors is composed of fellow members—your neighbors—who are elected at the annual meeting to represent the interests of the entire cooperative. They make strategic decisions that affect

everything from rates and infrastructure investments to community programs and energy initiatives. The board plays a crucial role in ensuring that Owen Electric remains responsive to the needs of its members, balancing financial responsibility with the mission of providing exceptional service. Attending the annual meeting gives you a direct connection to those who represent you, offering a chance to ask questions, share concerns and gain insight into the cooperative's direction.

Beyond the business portion of the meeting, our annual meeting is also a time for community connection. It's a great chance to meet our dedicated employees, learn more about our energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, and even win scholarships and prizes. It's a tradition that brings us together, reinforcing the cooperative spirit that has powered Owen Electric for 88 years.

I encourage you to mark your calendar and join us at this year's member appreciation days and annual meeting, taking place Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6. Your involvement makes a difference, and together, we will continue



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building a strong, member-driven cooperative that serves our community well into the future.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Memorial Day closing

All Owen Electric offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. All online services will be available. Report power outages using the OEC Mobile app or by calling (800) 372-7612.



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President and CEO
Michael Cobb



OFFICIAL NOTICE

OWEN ELECTRIC'S

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

& ANNUAL MEETING

REGISTRATION, BUCKET & BULB PICKUP

Thursday-Friday, June 5-6, 2025

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at all Owen Electric Offices

8205 Hwy. 127 N.
Sparta, KY 41086

10599 US Hwy. 27 N.
Butler, KY 41006

8100 Ewing Blvd., Suite 220,
Florence, KY 41042

300 Arbors Dr., Suite 1
Dry Ridge, KY 41035

REGISTRATION & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, June 6

Registration 4-6 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

Arthur Service Center

13179 Walton-Verona Road, Walton

Bucket and bulb pickup also available.

Three \$500 energy gift certificates* and a \$2,000 scholarship drawn at the annual meeting; must be present to win. Other prize drawings and \$1,000 scholarships will be drawn the week following; need not be present to win.

*Energy gift certificate value to be credited to winning member's account. Balance is not transferrable or redeemable for cash. Member forfeits any unused credit balance when account is closed.

Meet the Candidates for District 5

JIM HENNING

**Candidate for District 5
Southern Boone
County**

Jim Henning is a long-term resident of Boone County and customer of Owen Electric. As a retiree of Duke Energy, he has over 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry. Jim was past President of Duke Energy Kentucky and held numerous leadership roles at Duke Energy in Call Center Operations, Field Operations, Metering, Billing, Community Relations, and more. Jim has had the unique experience of personally testifying before the KY Public Services Commission in Frankfort and was a Legislative Lobbyist in KY which provides him with insight into how State government impacts the services provided by Owen Electric for its members.



Jim has served on numerous community boards as both Chairman and a board member. He currently sits on the board of Northern Kentucky's economic development organization (BeNKY) and serves as Treasurer for Boone County Library's Foundation Board. Jim and his wife share their passion for Kentucky history with school groups as long-term volunteers at the Dinsmore Homestead in Burlington, KY. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family and friends at Elk Lake in Owenton, KY.

Utilizing his past experiences, Jim is committed to helping Owen Electric continue their nearly 90-year history of being a trusted provider of electricity while providing safe, reliable and affordable electric services for its members.

Visit www.Jim-Henning.com for more information about Jim's background and experiences. Jim can always be reached at Jim.Henning.OEC@gmail.com.

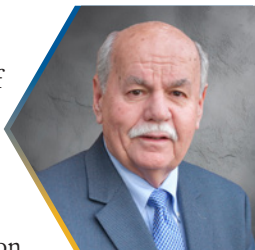
JOHN GRANT

**Candidate for District 5
Southern Boone
County**

To the members of Owen Electric:

As we enter the summer season, I find myself reflecting on the many things I am thankful for, and among them is the privilege of both being a member of Owen Electric and serving you as your director.

My name is John Grant and I have been a resident of Florence, Kentucky in Boone County since 1977. I represent District 5 in Boone County. I have been in sales for 30 years as a manufacturing representative. I have been on the board of directors for over 20 years as a Director and 8 years as your Chairman. I am very familiar with Owen Electric operations and feel my



many years of service are a valuable asset to the Board of Directors.

- You have experienced the top satisfaction of 90 percent approval from the members.
- Best service possible for our members
- Top reliability for our members
- Capital Credits-This makes the 35th consecutive year that Owen Electric has issued Capital Credit refunds and the 5th consecutive year the refund has been \$2,000,000 or more

On behalf of Owen Electric I deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in me as we move forward with our mission to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable electricity in the year ahead. Thank you for your support. Your vote will allow me to continue my work at Owen Electric giving you our members the best service possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at 859-380-3977.

HOW TO VOTE

Ballot voting will be available at all Owen Electric Cooperative branch office locations from Monday, June 2, until Friday, June 6, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voting will also take place prior to the annual membership meeting, held at the Arthur Service Center, located at 13179 Walton-Verona Road, Walton, on Friday, June 6, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Only one vote per membership is permitted. Proper ID is required to vote. Voters casting a ballot on behalf of one of the Cooperative's business members must have a copy of one of that organization's electric bills or one of their account numbers in order to be eligible to vote. Election results will be announced during the business meeting that evening.

OWEN ELECTRIC OFFICE LOCATIONS

Owenton Office

8205 Hwy 127 N.
P.O. Box 400
Owenton, KY 40359-0400
(502) 484-3471

Boone County Office

Florence Government Center
8100 Ewing Blvd.
Florence, KY 41042

Grant County Office

300 Arbors Drive, Suite 1
Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Pendleton County Office

10599 Hwy 27 N.
Butler, KY 41006

Information was submitted by Board of Directors candidates.



Board of Directors

Alan Ahrman, Chairman
Eddie McCord, Vice Chairman
Charlie Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer
John Grant
Rick Messingschlager
Hope Kinman
Robert True

Michael Cobb, President and CEO
James M. Crawford, Attorney
Whitney Prather Duvall, Editor

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Toll-free 1-800-372-7612

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2025 scholarship opportunities

Owen Electric Cooperative provides \$16,000 each year to support higher education for students who are cooperative members, or whose parents or guardians are members.

Scholarships can be applied toward tuition, fees, campus housing, textbooks and other essential educational supplies. Funds are distributed directly to the recipient's accredited college, university, technical college or trade school.

Awards are granted without consideration of race, creed, religion, gender, disability or national origin.

One \$2,000 Scholarship

Eligible students **MUST** submit their entry in person at the annual business meeting and **MUST BE PRESENT** for the drawing at the meeting:

Owen Electric Annual Business

Meeting: Friday, June 6, 2025

Registration: 4 p.m.

Business Meeting: 6 p.m.

Arthur Service Center
13179 Walton Verona Road
Walton, KY 41094

Fourteen \$1,000 Scholarships

Two entries per board district will be drawn. Entries will be accepted beginning Monday, May 19, through the close of business (4:30 p.m.) Friday, June 6, 2025. Entries may be submitted electronically or by obtaining and submitting the form from any Owen Electric office location, or online at owenelectric.com/scholarship-program.

Entries received in the aforementioned manner will only be used for the \$1,000 scholarships, drawn the week following the annual meeting.

Owen Electric Scholarships eligibility and criteria

Eligibility

- Student or student's parent or guardian must be a member of Owen Electric Cooperative at their principal place of residence.

- Student must be entering into their freshman year or higher of post-secondary education (college, university or trade school). Graduate school (master's degree programs or higher) is excluded from the program. Nontraditional students are welcome.

Criteria

- Student must be able to show proof of full-time enrollment/acceptance at an accredited college, university, technical college or trade school. (i.e. class schedule, account balance at the university, etc.) in order for payment to be issued to the institution the student will be attending.
- Students who have previously been awarded an Owen Electric Cooperative scholarship are not eligible to apply again.
- Scholarship recipients must permit Owen Electric Cooperative to use their names, parents'/guardians' names, county of residence and photograph in the cooperative's publications, including the local insert of the *Kentucky Living* magazine.
- The funds will be disbursed directly to the institution the student will be attending.
- Owen Electric Cooperative employees/directors and their immediate families are not eligible for this scholarship.

Should a student enter BOTH scholarship drawings and he/she is drawn for the \$2,000 scholarship at the annual meeting, their entry for the \$1,000 scholarship, to be drawn later, will be void.

Any incomplete or illegible entries will be disqualified. Recipients of the \$1,000 scholarships will be contacted the week following the annual meeting, shortly after verification and acceptance.

If you have any questions about the Owen Electric Cooperative Scholarship Program, please contact Member Services at (800) 372-7612, option 4, or email info@owenelectric.com.