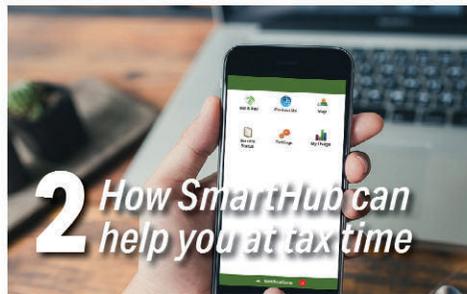




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## Find Money For College Through Your Electric Co-op

Students who further their education by either going to college or attending a career development school find it easier to get ahead in life. But tuition costs can make it difficult for some students to attend.

East Central Electric's Operation Roundup program is committed to helping local students develop rewarding careers by making higher learning more affordable.

This year Operation Roundup will make \$11,000 in scholarships available to students from 41 local high schools and home schools. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one student per school.

"We are happy to make this money available to students who qualify because it helps them pay their tuition," says Billy Moore, ECE director of member services. "If it helps local kids get ahead in life, we're all for it."

Operation Roundup paid only \$21,000 in scholarships in 2017 due to a lack of scholarship applicants. The lack of participation is worrisome to the co-op.

- Scholarships are available for students from 41 local high schools and home schools.
- One \$1,000 scholarship to one student per school.
- To qualify, students must be the dependent of a co-op member or have a guardian who is a co-op member. The primary account holder must participate in ECE's Operation Roundup program.
- Scholarships may be used at any college, university or career development or technical school.

"We hate to see this money left on the table because we believe there are students out there who could really use it," Moore says. "We are contacting high schools in our area and asking the teachers and administrators to please encourage their students to apply."

Moore also urges co-op members to help spread the word about the scholarships. Hurry, the deadline to submit entries is March 1, 2018.

Scholarship eligibility requirements and other details are available online at [www.ecoec.com](http://www.ecoec.com), or call ECE at 918-756-0833.

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