

Investing in youth demonstrates our commitment to co-op members, education, and the communities we serve.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (Ages 0 to 5)

As an electric cooperative, DEMCO is committed to caring for the communities we serve. This book-gifting program is a meaningful way to add lasting value to the families in our service area. For more information visit, <u>DEMCO.org/Community/</u><u>ImaginationLibrary</u>.



DEMCO Magic Show (PreK-5th)

Each Fall DEMCO hosts an electrical safety magic show entitled "Making Accidents Disappear." The show covers the many hazards that can be present if electricity is not used properly as the convenient tool that it is. The show is approximately 30 minutes and requires 30 minutes to set up. Audiences can range in size from one classroom to 500 students. Audience size is dependent on the facilities available at your school. For information on this year's show and to sign up, email **Community@DEMCO.org.**

DEMCO Bucket Truck Demonstrations (PreK-8th)

Many times throughout the school year, DEMCO crews are made available to present their equipment to area schools. This demonstration will emphasize safety precautions that are taken every day by DEMCO's finest. For more information, email **Community@DEMCO.org**.

Youth Cooperative Ambassador Program (YCAP) (9th & 10th grade DEMCO-member students)

An all-expense-paid leadership and educational program for 9th and 10th-grade DEMCO-member students. This program aims to foster positive ideas and values about cooperatives, cooperative governance, and the seven cooperative business principles. For more information, visit **DEMCO.org/Community/YCAP**.

DEMCO Fire in the Wire (PreK-8th)

DEMCO's expert safety staff offers a look at a live powerline and the danger it holds. This demonstration for virtually any school-aged audience is perfectly safe and permanently impactful. Trained and prepared servicemen will demonstrate the power that is found in each powerline on our system. Your school or facility must be approved by DEMCO's safety department in order to determine safety and compatibility with the power necessary to operate the model. To request a show, email **Community@DEMCO.org.**

DEMCO Essay Contest (11th grade students)

Since 1978, DEMCO sponsors an annual essay contest for high school juniors. Twelve 11th grade students will be selected to give an oral presentation of their essay at a banquet, and four winners will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Rural Electric Youth Tour!

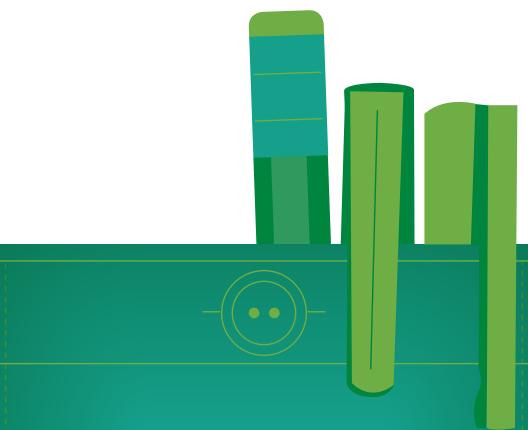
Throughout the submission and award process, there are many learning opportunities for participating students to gain a better understanding of the functionality of electrical cooperatives as well as insight into how their national government operates. For more information, visit <u>DEMCO.org/Community/</u><u>DEMCO-Essay-Contest</u>.

DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Program (12th+ grade DEMCO-member students)

The purpose of the DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Program is to provide assistance to DEMCO members who plan to attend trade school, vocational or technical school, community college and/or other forms of educational programs in the state of Louisiana. Recipients are eligible to apply for a maximum lifetime scholarship award of four (4) semesters of \$1250 per individual. For eligibility requirements, terms and application information, visit <u>DEMCO.org/Community/DEMCO-Foundation/Foundation-Scholarships</u>.

DEMCO Scholarships (12th+ grade DEMCO-member students)

One-year academic scholarships to students attending a Louisiana public college or university are awarded each year in a random drawing at DEMCO's annual membership meeting held in the spring. The scholarships awarded by DEMCO provide \$1250 per semester toward tuition to a Louisiana public college or university for both the fall and spring semesters of the academic year. Students can apply online at **DEMCO.org/Community/DEMCO-Scholarships**.



DEMCO Foundation School Uniforms Program (PreK-12th grade DEMCO-member students)

Another way the DEMCO Foundation helps members in need is by providing much needed school uniforms. The school uniform program provides five full sets of brand new uniforms to school-age children of DEMCO members from PreK to 12th grade. A full application and additional information can be found at <u>DEMCO.org/</u><u>DEMCO-Foundation/School-Uniform-Application</u>.

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