

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)

DEMCO wants to help inspire a love of reading in your child! Register your child to receive a free book every month from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This book-gifting program is a meaningful way to add lasting value to the families in our service area. By providing high-quality, age-appropriate books each month and mailing them directly to homes, every child-regardless of their family's income –can experience the magic of reading.

This program is sponsored by DEMCO in partnership with our local affiliate, Volunteers of America. There is no cost or obligation to your family, and you do not need to be a DEMCO member to participate. For more information, visit DEMCO.org/Dolly-Partons-Imagination-Library.



DEMCO Magic Show (PreK-5th)

Each fall, DEMCO presents "Making Accidents Disappear," an engaging electrical safety magic show. This 30-minute performance highlights the potential hazards of electricity when not used safely, emphasizing its role as a powerful and convenient tool. The show requires 30 minutes for setup and can accommodate audiences ranging from a single classroom to up to 500 students, depending on your school's available facilities. For information on this year's show and to sign up, email <u>Community@DEMCO.org</u>.

DEMCO Bucket Truck Demonstrations (PreK-8th)

Throughout the school year, DEMCO crews visit area schools to showcase their bucket trucks and safety equipment, offering students a firsthand look at their essential work. To request a show or get more information, email <u>Community@DEMCO.org</u> or visit <u>DEMCO.org/Request-Speaker</u>.

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

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

DEMCO Fire in the Wire (PreK-8th)

DEMCO's expert safety team provides a live power line demonstration to showcase the life-threatening dangers of electricity. Designed for school-aged audiences, this impactful presentation highlights the hazards present in and around power lines. Trained professionals ensure the demonstration is conducted safely and effectively. Your school or facility must be approved by DEMCO's safety department to ensure safety and compatibility with the power required to operate the model. To request a show or get more information, email <u>Community@DEMCO.org</u> or visit <u>DEMCO.org/Request-Speaker</u>.

DEMCO Essay Contast

DEMCO Essay Contest (11th grade students)

Since 1978, DEMCO has sponsored an annual essay contest for high school juniors. Twelve 11th-grade students are selected to present their essays at a banquet, and six win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in the National Rural Electric Youth Tour!

Throughout the submission and award process, students gain valuable insights into the principle of democracy inherent to America's electric cooperatives and government, making this a truly enriching experience. For more information, visit **DEMCO.org/Essay-Contest**.

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 meeting in May. The scholarships awarded by DEMCO provide \$1250 per semester toward tuition for the fall and spring semesters of the academic year. Students can apply online at **DEMCO.org/Scholarships**.

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

The DEMCO Foundation Scholarship Program provides 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 **DEMCO.org/Foundation-Scholarship-Program**.

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

The DEMCO Foundation Uniforms Programs provides five full sets of new uniforms to school-age children of DEMCO members from PreK to 12th grade. A full application and additional information can be found at **DEMCO.org/DEMCO-Foundation/School-Uniform**.

DEMCO Class Talks & Career Fairs (6th-12th grade)

Through class talks and career fairs, we highlight the diverse jobs within an electric cooperative. Our team discusses the training and education required for various positions, and the benefits of pursuing a career in the cooperative industry. To request a show or get more information, email <u>Community@DEMCO.org</u> or visit <u>DEMCO.org/Request-Speaker</u>.

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