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Leaves Are Falling, Scholarships Are Calling

Crisp leaves, cool air and... scholarship season? Applying for a Barron Electric Cooperative scholarship is a breeze!

We offer scholarship opportunities designed to meet the needs of our members at different stages of their educational journey—from graduating high school seniors and non-traditional students to those pursuing careers in electric-related trades. Whatever your path, a Barron Electric scholarship may be able to help make the cost of continuing your education a little lighter. Applications are now available, so don't let this opportunity blow away! The deadline to apply is Monday, February 1, 2027.

Take a look below to see if you qualify and which scholarship opportunity may be right for you.

Every Student Deserves a Bright Future!

Up to \$30,000 in scholarships to be awarded



Scholarships	Eligibility	Selection
Cooperative District Draw	High School Seniors of Barron Electric members who will be attending a technical college or two/four college/university	Three applicants from each of our 9 Districts will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
Non-Traditional/ Adult Students	Must be a Barron Electric Member and enrolled in college/technical courses	One applicant will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship
Electrical Related Trade	Must be Barron Electric members or have guardians who are, and should be enrolled in an electric-related trade or field program. This opportunity is available to high school seniors, adults students, and others (for example, second-semester freshmen)	Two applicants will be randomly selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship

***Students who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for multiple scholarships, but no student may receive more than one scholarship.**

A Helping Hand When the Temperatures Drop

As the leaves begin to change and cooler temperatures settle in, we know our energy use changes too. For some households, preparing to heat the home for another Wisconsin winter can bring some added financial challenges. If you or someone you know could use a helping hand this heating season, energy assistance resources are available.

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) helps eligible households with heating and electric costs, along with assistance for certain energy-related emergencies. Because Barron Electric serves members across nine counties, the agency you should contact may depend on where you live. Visit our website and select Energy Assistance for information about WHEAP and other resources available in your county.

A little energy knowledge can help, too. As we head into the heating season, take some time to become more familiar with how much electricity your home is using. SmartHub's Energy Explore feature lets you view your energy use and see how it changes from day to day and hour to hour. You can even compare your usage with outdoor temperatures, giving you a better idea of what may be driving changes in your electric use.

Understanding your energy use is a great first step toward finding opportunities to save. And if you do need a little extra help this season, knowing where to turn can make the process a little easier.

At Barron Electric, being a cooperative means looking out for one another. Sometimes that means lending a helping hand, and sometimes it means helping you better understand the energy you use every day.

Need Energy Assistance? Here's Who to Call in Your County

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) helps eligible households with heating and electric costs, along with assistance for certain energy-related emergencies.

Find your county's contact information below or visit our website for more details.

COUNTY	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
Barron County	715-598-4750
Burnett County	715-598-4750
Chippewa County	715-598-4750
Dunn County	715-598-4750
Polk County	715-598-4750
Washburn County	715-598-4750
Rusk County	715-532-2299
Sawyer County	715-634-4806



Visit Our Website
for more information
and to find the right
county contact for you.

 barronelectric.com



A Bright Addition to Our Energy Mix

Cooperatives Working Together on Solar

When electric cooperatives work together, good things can happen. Cooperation Among Cooperatives is one of the seven guiding principles that shape how cooperatives operate, and it's a principle we especially enjoy highlighting during October—Cooperative Month.

Barron Electric Cooperative partnered with nine other Wisconsin electric cooperatives to bring more locally generated solar energy to rural Wisconsin. By working together, the cooperatives were able to combine their purchasing power and develop 13 utility-scale solar projects across the state.

Together, these projects add 37 megawatts of new solar generation, enough to produce electricity for approximately 9,650 homes. Construction began in cooperative communities across Wisconsin in 2025 and continues in 2026, with several projects now nearing completion.



Two of the projects are located right here within Barron Electric's service territory. The 5-megawatt Barron Solar Project is located in Barron County on land owned by Lynn and Barbara Peterson, just south of Highway 8 and east of 13th Street. The Spooner 2.25-megawatt solar project is located near the Washburn County Highway Department on land owned by Barron Electric Cooperative.

So, what does all of this solar mean for Barron Electric members? Barron Electric has entered into a 30-year power purchase agreement with Stag Moose Solar, LLC for the energy generated by these solar projects. Under the agreement, Barron Electric purchases the electricity produced by the project, but the cooperative does not own the solar panels. The agreed-upon purchase rate provides a financial benefit to the cooperative while giving us another source of energy to complement the electricity we purchase from the regional power market.

The solar arrays also use tracking technology that allows the panels to follow the sun throughout the day. Beneath and around the arrays, the land will be maintained with pasture, prairie grasses and wildflowers. These plantings can provide habitat for pollinators while helping establish healthy root systems that protect the soil from erosion.

"Local solar not only adds clean energy to the grid, it also provides financial and operational benefits for our members."

— Aaron Torud, Barron Electric Cooperative General Manager.

Working together, these cooperatives are adding another source of energy to the mix while keeping the focus on the communities they serve. It's a bright addition to our energy mix—and another example of what can happen when cooperatives work together.





Email your wildlife photo to memberservices@barronelectric.com for a chance to win a \$50 credit on your electric bill.

Criteria includes:

- Photos must have a horizontal orientation (landscape) and be high resolution, 300 dpi or higher.
- Member must own rights to the photo.
- E-mail photo by October 15 to: memberservices@barronelectric.com. Include your Barron Electric account number, address, and phone number.
- By submitting your photo, you are granting Barron Electric permission to use your photo in publications and our website.



*Condensed Board Minutes July 29, 2026



Patti Mandel is the Secretary of Barron Electric's Board of Directors. She represents District 6, which includes the following townships: Clinton, Barron, Maple Grove, and Prairie Lake.

- A report of vouchers for the month was presented as part of the board packet as follows: #105887 through #105965 from CCF Bank in the amount of \$437,462 with capital credit estate checks in the amount of \$14,309. Total receipts in the office \$3,310,624; total receipts by wire and ACH \$1,721,493; disbursements by ACH, EFT, wire \$4,450,248; transfer of funds was made for payroll \$248,911 and the power bill was paid on 07/29/2026 in the amount of \$2,226,631.
- A membership list of 90 was presented and approved without objection.
- Form 219 summarizing construction activity for the month of June in the amount of \$115,797.94 was presented for approval and included new services \$0, change jobs \$676.88, other work order projects \$115,121.06 and 5 retirements. The Form 219 stood approved as presented.
- Outages year-to-date stand at 17,918.18 consumer hours off, which is 67.95% below 2025 hours of 55,900.17.
- Overtime year-to-date is 1,298.50 hours, which is 26.06% below 2025 hours of 1,756.25.

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**Friday, October 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

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