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**May through September**  
Office hrs: 6:30–5:00, Mon.-Fri.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

*From all of us at Wyrulec Company, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are thankful for the members we serve, and we hope you and your family have a safe, happy, and joyful holiday season.*

Wyrulec Company takes great pride in serving our members and our communities. We recognize the importance of supporting our youth and celebrating their achievements, and we strive to empower them as they seek a bright future where they will continue to positively impact their communities. By providing annual scholarships, we encourage students to pursue their educational goals, and we hope to foster a sense of confidence and contribute to their success. When we invest in our youth, we strengthen the fabric of our community.

Along with our power suppliers, we are offering a variety of scholarships to support the education of new or returning students. To be eligible for these scholarships the parent, legal guardian, or the applicant themselves must receive their electric service from Wyrulec Company at their primary place of residence. The applicant, parent, or legal guardian does not have to be a member of the cooperative, as long as they reside on the cooperative's service line. (Such as under a landlord or rental agreement, or provided residence with employment.)

The applicant must be enrolled, or intending to enroll in an accredited two-year college, four-year university, or vocational or trade school.

Applications for all these scholarships can be picked up at our office or printed online at [wyrulec.com/scholarships](http://wyrulec.com/scholarships). Most applications can also be completed online.

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship**

- One scholarship of \$1,000

**Tri-State Generation & Transmission**

- One scholarship of \$1,000

**Wyrulec Company Trade Scholarships**

- Up to (4) scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded to students attending vocational or trade schools

**Wyrulec Company Scholastic Scholarships**

- (4) scholarships of \$1,500 each

**Wyrulec Company Second Award Scholarship**

- One scholarship of \$1,500 for students who have already received a scholarship from Wyrulec in the past and would like to apply again.

More information is available on our website. For questions, please feel free to contact our office.

***The deadline for applications is February 1, 2025. Applications will be accepted at the Wyrulec office until close at 4:00 pm on January 30th, and accepted online through the end of the day on February 1st.***



## WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT, WE ARE WORKING HARD TO RESTORE IT

We hate it when the power goes out just as much as you do. When there is an outage, we work hard to resume service as quickly and safely as possible.

Many times, the reasons for outages are beyond our control.

### Here are several main reasons the power the may go out:

1. **STORMS** – Conditions brought on by storms such as high winds, ice and lightning can interrupt service. Lightning itself does not impact outages as much as people think, but it can strike trees and cause branches or even whole trees to fall on distribution lines. Lightning can cause a problem, however, if it strikes substation equipment, such as a large transformer. Strong high winds and ice that accumulates on lines can also impact distribution.
2. **TREES AND VEGETATION** – Branches, limbs or trunks can fall on lines and vegetation can grow around poles, lines or other equipment. Ice and wind can make matters worse. This is why we work so hard to keep power lines and equipment clear.
3. **ANIMALS** – Many outages are caused by our furry friend the squirrel. They love to chew on the weatherproof coating around lines. Other critters like birds, snakes or raccoons can interfere with service too. We put non-harmful devices on our equipment and lines to make it less comfortable for animals to perch, rest or make a nest. A bird on a wire is harmless and safe for the bird as long as it touches the line and nothing else.
4. **ACCIDENTS** – Cars, trucks, and farm equipment that have a run-in with a utility pole can cause an outage.
5. **PUBLIC DAMAGE** – Unsafe digging, equipment or line damage, vandalism or theft can all cause interruptions in the energy chain.
6. **POWER SUPPLY** – Wyrulec Company is a distribution cooperative, which means someone delivers power to us, and we distribute or deliver it to you. If there is an outage somewhere that is keeping the power from reaching Wyrulec, then we aren't able to deliver it to you. Tri-State Generation & Transmission and WAPA (Western Area Power Administration) are the two companies that deliver power to Wyrulec. We work closely with these power suppliers to restore service as quickly as possible whenever they have an outage.

7. **EQUIPMENT issues** – We maintain and inspect all of our lines and equipment regularly; however, sometimes equipment malfunctions. We strive to address any problem as soon as it happens.

Wyrulec utilizes a 24-hr dispatching service so you can call at any time if you experience a power outage, and we always have a crew on Standby and ready to respond. In addition, you can check our live outage map at [wyrulec.com](http://wyrulec.com), and follow us on Facebook or our website for updates. We are also in the process of building out a text messaging application for outage notifications. Please contact us at (877) 997-8532 with questions about outages or to learn more about the steps we take to provide reliable service. For more information about electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).



## 4 BEST BETS TO STAY CYBER SAFE

Article provided by the National Cybersecurity Alliance

Protecting yourself online doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. A few simple habits can dramatically reduce your risk of falling victim to cybercrime. While you can never be "hackproof," you can become resilient in the online world.

At the heart of online safety are four essential behaviors we at the National Cybersecurity Alliance call the Core 4. These simple steps will help shield your personal information, protect your online accounts and keep your devices secure.

1. Use long, unique, and complex passwords. Your passwords are the first line of defense between a criminal and your sensitive information. Here's how to have amazing passwords:
  - Every password must be long, unique and complex. Nowadays, every password should be at least 16 characters long, which significantly overwhelms password-cracking programs. Use a random mix of letters, numbers and symbols.
  - Don't reuse passwords. Every account needs a unique password. Unfortunately, making small changes, like adding numbers or switching out an S with a \$, doesn't count as a unique password.
  - Use a password manager to store and generate strong passwords. If you're wondering how to manage so many unique, long passwords, the answer is a password manager! There are many free, secure options. Password managers are the safest way to store your passwords. If you prefer to keep a password notebook, treat it like cash.
2. Enable multifactor authentication (MFA). Multifactor authentication (sometimes called 2FA) adds an extra security layer by requiring something more than just your password to log in. Think of it as using two locks on your digital door instead of only one. This could be:
  - A one-time code sent to your phone
  - A biometric scan like a fingerprint scan or FaceID
  - A physical security key

Enable MFA on your accounts—especially email, banking and social media. It's a simple way to supercharge the security on your accounts. Also, never share MFA codes with anyone—this includes not sharing them over the phone, through texts or via email. Only scammers will ask for MFA codes.

3. Keep software updated. Software updates don't just

bring new features. They often fix security flaws that criminals exploit. It usually takes a few minutes, but updates are worth it. Here are some tips:

- Turn on automatic updates when possible for your devices and apps. You can usually find these options in your Settings menu.
  - Install updates promptly for your operating systems, browsers, antivirus tools and apps.
  - Don't click Remind Me Later—the security is worth it.
  - Remember your phones, smartwatches and tablets are computers, so keep these devices updated as well!
4. Look out for phishing and scams. Phishing remains the most common online threat. Criminals send fake emails, texts or social media messages to trick you into revealing sensitive information or clicking malicious links. These messages aim to get you to click before you think by playing your emotions. Scammers will even call you! Here's how to look out for phishing and scams:
    - Be highly skeptical of unexpected messages, especially those urging immediate action or asking for personal details.
    - Phishing emails can light up positive emotions ("You've won our sweepstakes!") or negative ones ("You've been hacked!").
    - Don't click suspicious links or download unexpected attachments.
    - Report phishing attempts to your email provider, social media platform or IT department.
    - If you're unsure if a message is legit, ask a friend, coworker or family member. A second set of eyes can be invaluable in spotting scams.

**The following names have been drawn for a \$25 bill credit. Contact Wyrulec Company at 877-WYRULEC to claim your credit!**

Dennis Vetter  
Don Rankin  
Cost Farms LLC  
Donna McGowan  
Loren Lampert



*Merry Christmas  
And Happy New Year*



The Wyrulec holiday closures are:

**Wednesday, December 24**

**Thursday, December 25**

**Thursday, January 1**

**\*Account payments will be honored through  
December 26th before late charges are assessed.**

