



PRECorp News

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Youth Camp, Tour, scholarships available

As part of the cooperative "Commitment to Community" Powder River Energy facilitates a variety of student scholarships to its members' dependents.

The following are capsules on other scholarships available through PRECorp, deadlines, and online application resources. Scan the code at the right, or go to www.precorp.coop/student-scholarships for complete details.

Youth Leadership Camp

PRECorp sponsors a week-long cooperative leadership experience for local high school students age 16 and up. The camp is held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, July 11-16, 2026, with other students from Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma. All expenses are paid for students selected. The students' parents/guardians must be PRECorp members. **The application deadline is January 16, 2025.**

Youth Tour

Local PRECorp juniors or seniors might also qualify to attend an all-expense paid Cooperative Youth Tour of Washington, DC, with 2,000 other students from across the United States. The students' parents/guardians must be PRECorp members. **The application deadline is January 16, 2026.**

Basin Electric Scholarship - \$1,000

Applicants' parents/guardians must be PRECorp members. One student from the PRECorp membership service territory may be chosen. Another is nominated for consideration for the Members 1st selection. **The filing deadline for the Basin Electric Power Scholarship is January 30, 2026.**

Powder River Energy Corporation Scholarship - \$2,000

Open to qualifying seniors and post-secondary students from 14 high schools and up to 5 college students in its service territory. Applicants' parents/guardians must be active PRECorp members. **The deadline for filing the Powder River Energy Corporation Scholarship is February 27, 2026.**



PRECorp Lineman Scholarship

The PRECorp Lineman Scholarship is available to qualifying applicants who plan to attend an approved line-worker training program. Awards can be up to \$7,000. **The deadline for filing the PRECorp Lineman Scholarship is February 27, 2026.**

R.O.S.S. program

The Rising Opportunity Student Scholarship (R.O.S.S.) will award up to four \$2,000 R.O.S.S. scholarships for students entering tuition-based training, certification, and degree programs in 2026.

The program is made possible by a fund established by Campbell County native Perry Ross. PRECorp membership is not required to apply and adult students are eligible.

The deadline for filing the R.O.S.S. application is February 27, 2026.

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BRIAN MILLS,
CEO

As we are closing out our fall work preparing for the winter ahead, it is natural to be taking assessment of what you have. In fact, in just a few short weeks, we will all try to slow things down to be mindful of what we are thankful for. Since October marks National Cooperative Month and Thanksgiving is just around the corner, I will blend the two just a bit this month and

share my reflections on what we have as member-owners of this cooperative as well as a hint of thankfulness for this model we have used for over 80 years to serve our energy.

As a member-owner of our Powder River Energy Corporation, you join the other 42 million Americans who own their respective electric cooperative. PRECorp is one of 830 cooperatives that serve member-owners in this nation. This model was and still is used to serve energy in a not-for-profit business model that is focused on people versus profits. The fact remains, and our history shows, that cooperatives typically serve areas that were considered unprofitable, and the only way to get the service was to group together to serve ourselves.

So, we relied on a version of democratic governance that this country knows well, centered our focus on serving people, prioritizing safety, service, affordability, and reliability. That core has taken on many challenges and has weathered adversity. The cooperative has had to rethink our approach and innovate how we ultimately provided value back to

our member-owners over the years. At our annual meeting, I always like to see which member-owners have the longest tenure of ownership. In fact, shortly after the meeting, I received a letter from someone who remembers the early 1950's when they became member-owners of Tri-County, way back then. Those folks understand what I am talking about as they have owned this coop for most of its existence. For me, I am reminded of the incredible strength and purpose that come from being part of a cooperative and am grateful for the natural integrity that comes with serving people in a cooperative model.

The team and I have talked a great deal about how grateful we are to be a part of a service-minded organization, and with that how the trust of our members is the ultimate currency in navigating our future and maintaining its strength. We have our work cut out for us, given the cost pressures we continue to see and serving nearly 12,000 member-owners with trust being our ultimate goal.

Transparency and proactive communication are at the heart of trust. We have shared early, (as soon as we heard of it) the rate increase that Basin Electric was considering. And the definitive numbers that we have now were shared as they came to light. Sure, we didn't like it but trust was on the line and transparency to the process and proactive communication was what we could control. For the team and me, when it comes to a PRECorp rate increase, we have adopted the challenge of single-digit rate increases, no sooner than every three years, communicated one year in advance, tailored by member engagement along the way. Currently we are riding a rate design that was created to meet the challenges that were being experienced and could be reasonably foreshadowed back in 2020. It stands to reason, our realities have changed substantially since then. Rising costs in energy procurement, infrastructure maintenance, labor, and regulatory requirements, stand at our door going into 2026. As we begin to plan for how we maintain our mission and build trust, the team and I are committed to keeping you informed every step of the way.

At the core of our cooperative is a simple promise: everything we do is focused on driving value back to you, our member-owners. Thank you for being part of our cooperative family. Your engagement and support are what make us strong.

Powder River Let 'er Buck!

Join CEO Brian Mills for a telephone town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20. We will call members at 6:30 p.m. to join, or dial in toll-free to 888-886-6602. Hear the winners' names drawn for the Lineman Scholarship Raffles, and the latest news from PRECorp and get answers to your questions!

Utility bill relief program available

Do you anticipate problems making ends meet with your electric bill? Contact PRECorp to confidentially discuss options as soon as possible.

Our member service representatives can present options that may alleviate some financial stress. Call 1-800-442-3630 to start the conversation.

A primary option for those in need is the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). This program is administered by the Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS).

The purpose of the LIEAP program is to help low- and fixed-income families and individuals pay their heating bills during the winter months. Priority is given to households that include elderly (age 60+), disabled, and/or young children (age 5 and under).

Seasonal LIEAP benefits must be applied to a household's main heat source (the fuel your heat system uses to heat the home; not the power source needed to turn on the furnace). Additional assistance may be available through the

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for repairs to inefficient or broken heating systems.

LIEAP is federally funded through a block grant administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Anyone applying for LIEAP is also applying for the WAP and will be considered for this one-time benefit to assist families and individuals with boosting energy efficiency in their homes to reduce home energy costs.

If an applicant needs assistance with utility deposits, propane tank sets, have received disconnect or shut-off notices, are out of propane, heating oil, wood, pellets, or coal, a request for special situation assistance can be made on the application.

Applications for seasonal heating benefits are accepted online only from October 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026. To complete the application through the secure member portal or for more information go to www.lieapwyo.org or call 1-800-246-4221.

Please note our office closures

Powder River Energy Corporation offices will be closed for these upcoming Holidays and events:

Veterans Day:
Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving:
Thursday and Friday,
November 27-28

Christmas:
Wednesday and Thursday,
December 24-25

New Year's Day:
Thursday, January 1, 2026

All Employee Meeting:
Monday, January 19, 2026

To report an outage call 1-888-391-6220 or use the SmartHub app on your mobile device.

Have a medical necessity?



In an effort to better serve our members with special home health care needs, PRECorp is requesting information from our members who may have electricity-dependent residential medical equipment such as oxygen or dialysis machines.

Typically this information is gathered when members join the Cooperative and sign up for PRECorp electrical service.

However, if members have obtained the medical equipment since joining the Cooperative or have updated contact phone numbers, members are advised to share that information with PRECorp.

The purpose for knowing this information is to notify members with medical necessities of scheduled outages that might impact their service.

Members will need to provide a doctor's note for our files explaining the medical necessity.

For more information or to update your information, contact PRECorp Member Service at 1-800-442-3630.

Powder River Energy Corporation will make every effort to restore electrical service as soon as possible during an outage. There is no guarantee the power will be restored within a given time frame. Individuals are responsible to have an alternative plan if power cannot be restored before any condition becomes critical.



PRECorp Walking Taco Booth aids Library, Veterans

PRECorp employee volunteers raised thousands of dollars with a walking taco booth on the corner of the Crook County Courthouse lawn, during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally "Burnout Wednesday" on August 6.

Proceeds from the 2025 booth support the local work of the Crook County Library Foundation, American Legion Post 45 and Hunting with Heroes of northeast Wyoming. The Powder River Energy Foundation matched the dollars raised to double the impact of the volunteers' work.

Checks totaling \$1,700 were presented to each organization in September.

"These three non-profit entities provide critical support to people in the Sundance and Crook County area, and, with the community's assistance, we are proud to help them out as much as possible," said PRECorp spokesperson Stephanie Pribilske.

The booth features the menu of a bag of nacho chips, hot taco fixings, and bottled water, affordably priced at \$5 per meal.

Established in 2007, the Powder River Energy Foundation has driven more than \$2.7 million back to the communities in Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, and Weston counties. For more information on the Foundation, its charitable giving, fundraising, or how organizations may apply for grants go to the Foundation website at www.precorpfoundation.org



Crook County Library Director Bonnie Stahla, center, shows an audio book reader that will assist young patrons develop reading skills while enjoying stories. Pictured from left are PRECorp and Foundation representatives Steph Pribilske, Linda Tokarczyk, and Tim Velder.



American Legion Post 45 gathers with PRECorp and Foundation representatives Steph Pribilske, left, and Tim Velder, right.



Terry Wilkerson of Hunting with Heroes, center, receives donation checks from PRECorp and Foundation representatives Steph Pribilske, left, and Linda Tokarczyk, right.