

LANE-SCOTT CONNECTIONS

P.O. Box 758, 410 S. High St., Dighton, KS 67839
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Scholarship Information

The Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., scholarship will offer a \$500.00 scholarship to someone going into the electric utility field. This will be awarded annually to the eligible applicant who is chosen.

To support development of effective leaders through educational opportunities.

Current seniors or high school graduates that plan to further their education in the electric utility field. Each applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited university or college, including junior, community, and vocational or technical college. All applicants for the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. scholarship shall be considered on the criteria without regard to race, age, color, religion, gender, national origin or existence of physical handicap.

Scholarship merit is based on the following: Scholarship Achievement, Extra-Curricular Activities, Community and School. Preference will be given to someone in the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. service territory.

Students wishing to make applications should contact the Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. office. Completed applications must be postmarked and/or returned to Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. by May 15, 2003.

**Mail applications to:
Scholarship Committee
Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.
P.O. Box 758 • Dighton, Kansas 67839**

Questions about the scholarship program should be directed to Earl N. Steffens, Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc. General Manager, at 620.397-5327.

The scholarship committee of Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc makes the Selection. Applicants must be willing to be interviewed by the committee, if necessary.

The scholarship recipients shall notify Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc., in writing of their college enrollment. The Cooperative will then pay the institution. Should the recipient withdraw from college, payment of the scholarship monies shall cease and reimbursement of unused monies shall be made to Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For Your Convenience . . .

We're Opening over the Noon Hour

Lane-Scott Electric Cooperative is please to announce that the office will be open over the noon hour, effective May 1, 2003.

Our office hours will remain 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., but to better serve our customers' needs, we will not be closing at any time during those hours.

It is our pleasure to serve you!

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In Case of Outage

If your electricity is off for more than a few minutes, call Dighton, 1-800-407-2217. Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours calls will be answered by the dispatch and forwarded to standby personnel.

**After Hours & Weekends Call:
1-800-407-2217**

24-Hour Electrician Emergency Service

If you are without electricity, or have an electrical emergency on your side of the meter, we have a master electrician on staff available 24 hours a day. To request after-hours electrician service, call the following number:

1-800-407-2217

Should You Open Windows To Cool Your House?

During hot, sunny weather, the sun heats your home and increases air conditioning costs. You can sometimes cool your home by opening windows during the coolest part of the night, and by closing them during the hot part of the day. This approach works best in dry climates where the nights are cool.

In humid climates with smaller daily temperature swings, ventilation does not work as well because hot humid air can't carry much heat out of the home. If you live in a very humid area and use air conditioning, it may be more economical to leave your home sealed up rather than ventilating with moist outdoor air.

A little wind allows you to ventilate successfully without fans. Wind creates areas of pressure and suction around the house. It will take some testing to determine which windows to open and how much to open them in order to maximize the benefits of natural ventilation. Try to draw intake air from windows near outdoor areas that are cooled by shade. Be sure to open windows on another side of the home or upstairs to allow warm house air out.

Opening windows located directly opposite each other will cool only those areas in the direct path of the airflow. Ventilation will be more effective if the air must take a longer path between the inlet and outlet. Experiment with different patterns of window venting to move fresh outside air through all the living areas of your home. This may involve leaving some windows closed if they interfere with moving air along a longer path through the house.

Source: John Krigger, Saturn Resource Management, www.residential-energy.com.

John Krigger is a nationally recognized author of numerous energy efficiency books, including *Surviving The Seasons: A Practical Guide To Home Energy Efficiency and Cost Savings*; and *Comfort for Existing Buildings*. For more info, visit his website www.residential-energy.com.



**In Observance of
Memorial Day
Our Office
Will Be
Closed
May 26**

Leave Microwave Repairs to the Pros



Each year, on average, four people die from electrocution while trying to repair their microwave ovens. Microwave ovens use high voltage, which makes it particularly hazardous to remove the cover and touch electrical parts. Even when the oven is unplugged, the possibility of serious shock exists if certain internal devices fail.

Have a professional repair your microwave oven; electrical appliances can be hazardous if consumers expose live electrical parts.

Standby Generator Safety

Double throw switch essential

If you keep a standby generator for emergencies, you must use an appropriate double throw transfer switch to prevent electricity from flowing from your generator back out onto utility power lines during an outage and electrocuting line workers trying to restore power. When regular electric service has been restored, a double throw switch can also prevent power from flowing back in and destroying the generator. Use of these types of transfer switches is a requirement for the National Electrical Code.

If you use a standby generator and have questions about using a double throw switch, please call your co-op for assistance.

Who's on First?

When your power goes out because of a storm, restoring electrical power is not as easy as throwing a switch. Damage caused by wind, ice or snow storms usually occurs at several points in the distribution system. The idea is to get the power back on for everyone in the most efficient manner.

When a widespread outage occurs, the first location your local electric cooperative repair crews check is the substation.

Crews then work their way out on the main distribution line, restoring service to the main feeder lines, then lines serving groups of homes and finally individual consumers.

Working from substation to homes result in faster repairs for the most people. Otherwise individual homes and farms would be "fixed," but there would be no electricity to flow to them.