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## Lineworkers are wired for service

In the quiet hours before dawn breaks, while many of us are still nestled in our beds, lineworkers begin their day, often clad in flame-resistant clothing, safety goggles, rubber gloves and thick, heavy boots.

They are the individuals who epitomize dedication to service in its purest form. As we celebrate Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 14, this is an important moment to reflect on the essential role they play in our daily lives.

Amid towering utility poles and power lines, lineworkers exhibit a strength that goes far beyond the physical. Whether battling inclement weather, troubleshooting technical problems or navigating treacherous heights, lineworkers demonstrate resilience and a quiet determination to keep our lights on, our homes comfortable and our communities connected.

Jackson Energy crews maintain our 5,857-miles of line service territory, building, maintaining and repairing parts of our local system. Their extraordinary skills ensure our homes remain connected to the grid, businesses stay operational and emergency services remain accessible—a lifeline that connects us all.

In moments of crisis, when the lights go out and we find ourselves in the dark, lineworkers emerge as beacons of hope.



Jackson Energy Staking Engineer/First Class Line Technician Sean Evans is one of 50 lineworkers who are ready to respond to outages at any time—day or night. Photo: Tim Webb

Their swift response restores normalcy, offering reassurance in times of uncertainty. Whether repairing storm-ravaged power lines or ensuring continuity during emergencies, their unwavering commitment illuminates life when we need it most.

Jackson Energy lineworkers also answer the call beyond the boundaries of home. Our crews travel to fellow co-ops, near or far, when widespread outages occur and additional support is needed. Cooperation among cooperatives is one

of our seven guiding principles, and no one embodies this core commitment better than lineworkers.

This month, as we celebrate the remarkable men and women who ensure reliable power, let's recognize their unwavering dedication to the local communities they serve.

The next time you flip a switch, please take a moment to remember those who make it possible—lineworkers, who are wired for service and dedicated to illuminating life.

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# Counting our blessings

*Lineworker Appreciation Day is April 14*

**H**ave you ever taken something—or someone—for granted? I know I have. It's human nature not to notice what we have until we feel the sudden inconvenience of doing without. This is why so many of us were told, growing up, to "count our blessings."

We try to count our blessings daily at Jackson Energy, and this month, we want to call out one dedicated group of people in particular—our lineworkers. On April 14, electric cooperatives across the nation recognize Lineworker Appreciation Day, highlighting the men and women who help keep the lights on in homes across America.

Think back over the last 12 months. We've seen flooding, tornadoes, ice and snow. No matter the emergency, we rely on our dedicated lineworkers to brave the elements, enduring grueling hours and difficult conditions to restore power as quickly and safely as possible.

Because of the challenging weather and terrain lineworkers often face, it's easy to focus on the physical demands of the job. For all the physical strength required, however, lineworkers' mental strength and focus are equally crucial. Working with dangerous high-voltage lines requires extraordinary attention to detail and safety every day.

That's why Jackson Energy insists on thorough and constant safety training, provided in conjunction with Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, and a careful adherence to professional standards.

Before our lineworkers begin any job assignment, we first assess the staffing and equipment needs. A mandatory job briefing discusses the objective, location of the worksite, potential hazards, nearest emergency help and coordination of other entities as required.

These practices reflect the professionalism of our line crews. On April 14, please join me in expressing gratitude to these dedicated members of our community, and to the retired lineworkers who helped build the safe and reliable electrical system we enjoy today.

Use #ThankaLineworker in your social media posts to show support for our Jackson Energy lineworkers who help power our homes and businesses every day.

By President & CEO  
Carol Wright



# Stay alert, slow down and move over

*Obey driving laws to save lives*

While high voltage, heights and dangerous weather are serious hazards, the greatest threat to Jackson Energy's crews are inattentive or distracted drivers. That's why it's important for members—and all drivers—to adhere to Kentucky's "Slow Down, Move Over" law when out on the roads.

The commonwealth law requires drivers to maintain a safe distance between moving vehicles and stationary vehicles on roadsides. This protects roadside workers doing their jobs, including law enforcement and first responders, as well as public utility, road maintenance, tow drivers and state, county or municipal service providers. As of July 2024, an expanded law also requires drivers to move over for all vehicles, including disabled ones.

The "move over" law encourages drivers to be more aware of their surroundings while providing co-op employees with a little extra peace of mind, says

Thomas Nichols, the co-op's safety director. When behind the wheel, co-op members can do their part by:

- Remaining alert, avoiding distractions and focusing on the task of driving.
- Keeping an eye out for situations where emergency, service or disabled vehicles are stopped on the side of the road.
- Slowing down when you see these situations. When safe to do so, move over a lane and away from the incident until past it.
- Never driving impaired or distracted.
- Staying at or below the speed limit. Don't drive too fast for conditions.
- Being especially cautious when visibility is diminished by darkness or weather conditions.

"Our crews already perform hazardous work to keep the lights on every day," Carol Wright, president and CEO says.



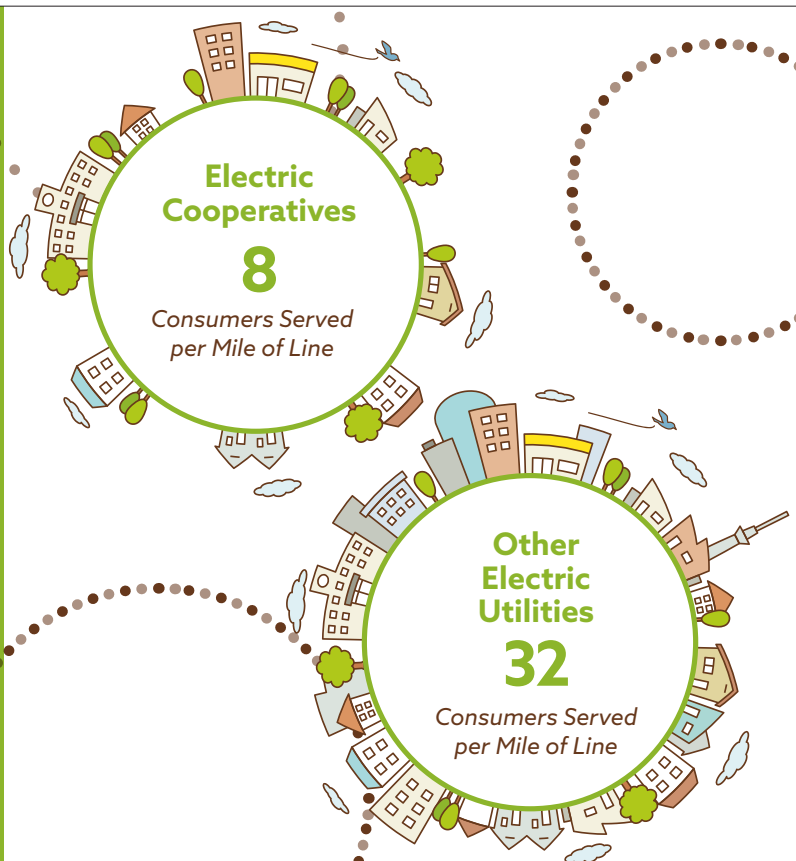
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"We work to ensure their work environments are as safe as possible, but we need the help of every co-op member to protect our lineworkers so they return home safely every night."

## ELECTRIC CO-OP SERVICE DENSITY compared to OTHER ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Electric cooperatives maintain more power lines per consumer than other types of electric utilities.

*Even though we serve fewer consumers per mile of line, we will always go the extra mile for our members.*



NRECA STRAIGHT TALK



# LINEMAN TRAINING CENTER

## Scholarship Application



Jackson Energy Cooperative  
is proud to offer one full  
scholarship for the  
Lineman Training Center  
at Somerset Community College



**Applications must be received at the Jackson Energy Office  
or submitted online by May 30, 2025**

Applicants must complete this form or apply online to be considered for the scholarship. The scholarship amount will not exceed \$4,200.

1. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school.
2. Applicants shall enroll in the Somerset Lineman Training Center and begin the program by October 2025. The applicant chosen for the scholarship shall also acquire their CDL permit before beginning the program.
3. Applicants, their parents or legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy member and their primary residence or business served by the cooperative.
4. Students who apply for the scholarship will be required to interview with a Selection Committee consisting of Jackson Energy personnel.
5. Scholarships will be paid directly to Somerset Community College - Lineman Training Center.
6. Applicants must not be a member of the immediate family of an employee or director of Jackson Energy. Immediate family is defined as a spouse or a child of an employee or director.
7. Applicants shall not be previous winners of the Jackson Energy Scholarship No-Essay Contest.
8. Entries must be legible. Any entry that is not legible will be disqualified.

Applicant's Name:

Name of Person (and relation if applicable) on the electric bill:

Account #:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Applicant's Signature:

RETURN TO:

Jackson Energy Cooperative  
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