



**Sumner-Cowley
Electric Co-op., Inc.**

Building on our past. Lighting the way to the future.

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**SUMNER-COWLEY
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

NEWS FROM THE **WHEAT CAPITAL**

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FROM THE CEO

Are You Ready to Serve Your Co-op Community?

Apply before Jan. 31!

Sumner-Cowley Electric is guided by the unique principles of the cooperative business model, including Democratic Member Control. Our board of directors, made up of democratically elected Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative members, are an integral part of our cooperative as they provide leadership and oversight on behalf of the entire membership. They are your friends, neighbors and fellow members.

The board has a responsibility to represent co-op members' best interest when making decisions affecting your electric service. Directors must be strong leaders who understand the needs of the local area and can keep the cooperative, and the community flourishing.

A member seeking a director position shall provide a petition signed by no less than five members of the candidate's district. The petition shall be presented to Coni Adams, CEO, no earlier than Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, and no later than the close of business, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024, for verification. Petitions are available online at www.sucocoop.com.

Those seeking election must meet the qualifications requirements established by SCEC's bylaws. One director shall be elected by ballot for a term of three years from each of the said districts. No person shall be eligible



Coni Adams

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW ONLINE!

Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative will award scholarships to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements. Applications should be completed online at www.sucocoop.com

YOUTH PROGRAM TRIPS

Summer 2024



TWO students will receive leadership experiences in 2024

Sumner-Cowley Electric Cooperative is offering two unique leadership experiences: Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington D.C. and Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. We are searching for upcoming high school juniors to be our 2024 delegates.

For more than 60 years, electric cooperative across Kansas have recognized outstanding high schoolers by providing valuable leadership experiences for exceptional teens.

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour gives students the opportunity to visit our nation's capital for one week and meet with more than 1,700 students from across the U.S. Students will meet with legislators, listen to nationally recognized speakers, and visit many monuments and memorials.

At Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp students from four states gather to build valuable leadership skills while forming lasting friendships. Pack your sunscreen and make sure your hiking shoes are ready!



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ All high school juniors whose parents or guardians reside on Sumner-Cowley Electric lines.
- ▶ Complete online application.
- ▶ Applicants will receive an entry packet.
- ▶ Trip winners are encouraged to speak at Sumner-Cowley Electric's Annual Meeting.

**SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY
FEB. 23, 2024**

Supporting Our Community

Crafting essential resource bags for those in need

Providing resource bags filled with essential items to aid transient and disadvantaged individuals stands out as a game-changer in our mission at Sumner-Cowley Electric as well as supporting our dedicated law enforcement. These resource bags serve as a tangible expression of care and support, ensuring that basic needs are met during critical moments. Comprising sustenance and personal care items, these resource bags aim to provide a sense of comfort and support during challenging times.

NOURISHING SUSTENANCE

Focusing on high-protein and easily accessible food options, the resource bags contain an assortment of items such as peanut butter to-go packs, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, beef jerky, nuts, tuna salad packs and crackers. These protein-rich snacks not only offer sustenance, but also serve as convenient and nourishing options for individuals on the go.

PERSONAL CARE ESSENTIALS

Transitioning can be a challenging time, and personal care items can make a significant difference. The resource bags include a range of essentials such as socks, gloves, hand and feet warmers, blankets, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dry shampoo, wipes and facial tissue.

THE IMPACT

These thoughtfully curated resource bags serve a dual purpose. For our dedicated police force, having these bags on hand provides them with essential items that offer immediate support to individuals in need. Simultaneously, for those transitioning from the county jail, these packs symbolize a caring community willing to offer a helping hand during a critical phase in their lives.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Crafting these resource bags is a collaborative effort of the Sumner-Cowley Electric employees. By pooling resources and engaging the collective goodwill of our team, we are contributing to a community-driven initiative that supports those in need.

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

As we move forward, the aim is to continually refine and enhance these resource bags based on feedback and evolving needs. This ongoing commitment reflects our dedication to our community and embodies the spirit of empathy and solidarity.

In crafting these resource bags, we aim to create a positive impact, one bag at a time. It's about fostering a culture of care and support within our workspace and extending that support to those in our community who need it the most.

These resource bags serve as a tangible reminder that small gestures can make a significant difference in someone's life. Together, through these acts of kindness, we stand united in supporting our community and uplifting those in need.

RESOURCES NEEDED

FOOD — HIGH IN PROTEIN, EASILY ACCESSIBLE

- ▶ Peanut butter “to go” packs
- ▶ Trail mix
- ▶ Crackers
- ▶ Beef jerky
- ▶ Granola bars
- ▶ Variety of nuts
- ▶ Tuna salad packs

PERSONAL ITEMS

- ▶ Socks
- ▶ Deodorant
- ▶ Gloves
- ▶ Dry shampoo
- ▶ Hand/foot warmers
- ▶ Wipes
- ▶ Blankets
- ▶ Facial tissues
- ▶ Shampoo/conditioner



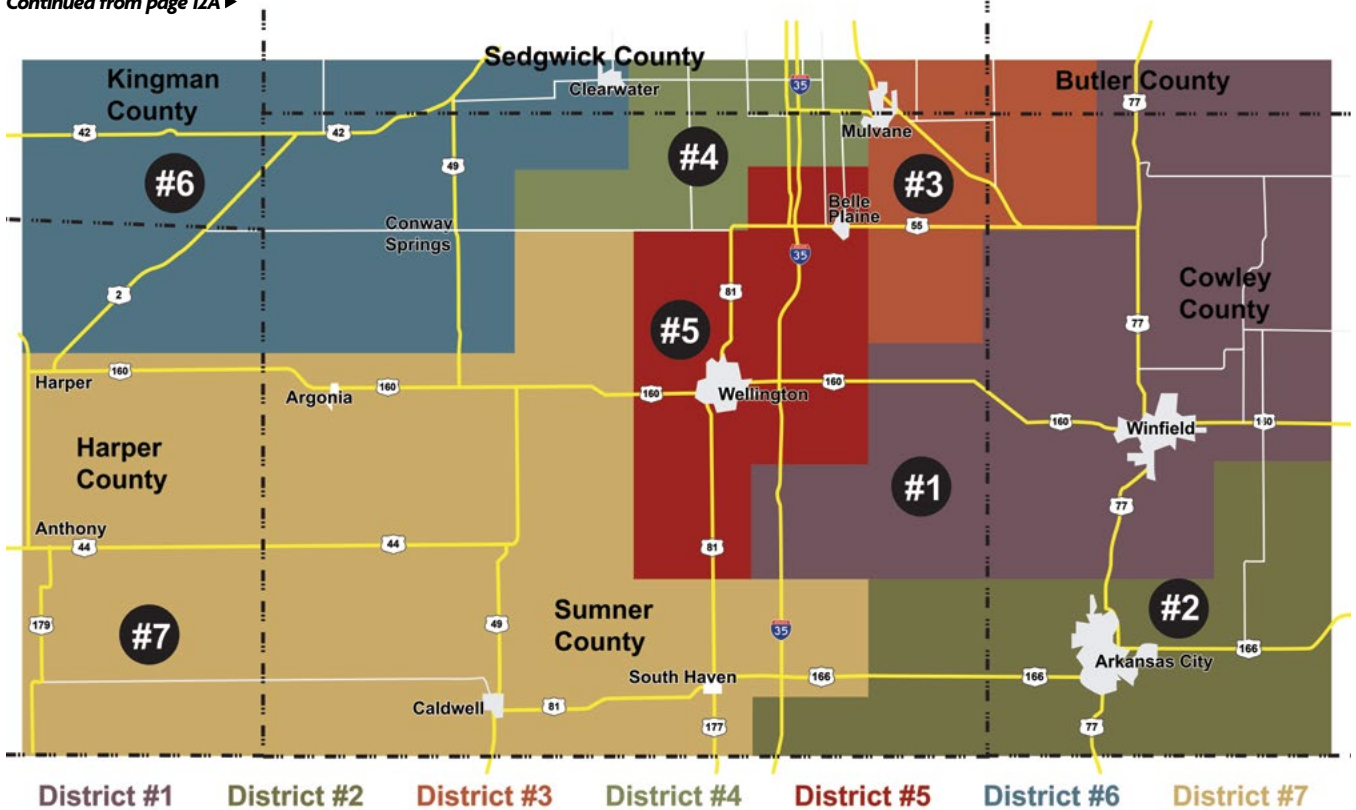
Sumner-Cowley employees have a great start on this year's donations.



Employees Leah Drouhard, Cayenne Wagoner and Casha Short work together to fill the resource bags.

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Director positions are up for election in districts 4, 6 and 7.

to be a candidate for membership on, or to be a member of the board of directors who:

- ▶ Is not bona fide resident of the district from which a director to be elected or appointed or after becoming director loses bona fide residence of the district from which elected or appointed.
- ▶ Is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business selling electric energy or supplies to the cooperative, or a business primarily engaged in selling electrical or plumbing appliances, fixtures, or supplies to the member of the cooperative.
- ▶ Is personally employed or has a spouse, parent, sibling, child, or grandchild, including a stepparent, step sibling, stepchild or step-grandchild who is an employee of the cooperative.

ONCE ELECTED, DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- ▶ **MAKING DECISIONS** and working with the cooperative's management and key staff to set policies and develop strategies to keep the cooperative on track. To do that, they must maintain a working knowledge of the electric cooperative to serve members in each of the seven districts.

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- ▶ **PROVIDING OVERSIGHT** on the cooperative's business performance, risk assessment and compliance with legal obligations.
- ▶ **SETTING THE COOPERATIVE'S MISSION AND PURPOSE, AND ENGAGE** on a regular basis in strategic planning.
- ▶ **REVIEWING, MONITORING AND REPORTING TO THE MEMBERSHIP** regarding the critical operations and financial performance of the cooperative.
- ▶ **ENSURING EFFECTIVE PLANNING** and adequacy of resources, and contracting and approving an annual independent financial audit.

Director positions are up for election in districts 4, 6 and 7. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of the board nominations and election process, please contact Coni Adams, CEO at 620-326-3356 or visit our website www.sucocoop.com.