



2022 Scholarship Recipients

Annually, Battle River Power Coop offers five scholarships of \$1000.00 each to children of members who are entering a post-secondary program. Applications must be submitted and are reviewed against an established criteria by the Scholarship Committee. The Committee is comprised of Directors of the Board who make the final decision. The Committee is always impressed with the calibre of applicants and this year was no exception. The successful scholarship recipients are as follows.

Diploma Program



Wyatt Brown
– Bashaw, AB –
Olds College, Agricultural Management w/ a Major in Commerce



Haylee Bruins
– Tees, AB –
Lakeland College, Animal Health Technology



Good luck with your studies!

Degree Program



Morgan Lawes
– Viking, AB –
University of Alberta, Bachelor of Commerce in Strategic Management and Organization



Hannah Jantz
– Edmonton, AB –
University of Alberta, Engineering



Anika Prediger
– Ponoka, AB –
University of Alberta, Psychological Sciences

WIN A MEAL TO THE FIELD



Battle River Power Coop is pleased to announce our Meal to the Field Contest for 2022. Let us help make a harvesting day a little easier by delivering a meal right to your field.

Pictured: 2021 Winners - Laura and Brad, Sadie and Peyton, Jordyn and Jaden, Brooklyn, Hudson and Oliver, Nancy and Myrin

Meal to the Field Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Account #: _____

Phone #: _____

How to enter: Mail the form to: Box 1420, Camrose, AB T4V 1X3 (Attention: Nansee)
Complete fillable form on website: www.brpower.coop/our-community/meal-to-the-field/
Fax to: 780.672.7969
Scan and email to: nansee.hughes@brpower.coop
Drop off at the office – we'd love to see you!

By submitting this entry you agree to the contest rules as follows:

- I. Contest is open to members in good standing of Battle River Power Coop
- II. Limited to one entry per member
- III. By entering, the winner agrees to the use of their name, address and photo by Battle River Power Coop in various communication channels without compensation

Entering the contest is easy – complete and submit the entry form above or from our website: www.brpower.coop/our-community/meal-to-the-field/. Contest includes 10 Meals to the Field for six people each. Delivery times are Monday – Friday: late morning to mid-afternoon.

Deadline is Friday, August 26, 2022 – so don't delay – enter NOW!

The Alberta Government Electricity Rebate

The Alberta Government recently announced an electricity rebate to be delivered to eligible Alberta electricity customers. Battle River Power Coop will ensure the rebate is delivered to eligible Battle River Power Coop members and eligible members for Lindale REA, Tomahawk REA, and West Wetaskiwin REA as per the approved Government of Alberta legislation.

What to know about the electricity rebate:

- Eligible customers include residential, farm, irrigation and commercial electricity sites consuming less than 250 MW hours per year in 2022. Yard and security lights are ineligible.
- Beginning in the July billing cycle (*members will see the July bill in August*), eligible members will see the rebate automatically appear on the Battle River Power Coop bill above the GST line as “GOA Utility Commodity Rebate.”
- The rebate will be automatically applied to bills and will be distributed as a \$50 monthly rebate for each eligible site for six consecutive months – for a total of \$300.

Members do not need to do anything to receive the rebate, and there is no application process for the rebate.

Members are free to purchase natural gas services or electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll-free in Alberta).

For more information on the Government of Alberta Rebate, please visit <https://www.alberta.ca/affordability-programs.aspx>.



Tips from the Line

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If you are experiencing a power outage, call 1.877.428.3972.

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When paying your bill through online banking, make sure to remove the decimal and use all the numbers (if your account is 1234.00, put in 123400).

Message from the Board of Directors

As noted by the Chairman, the theme of this year's AGM is "The Path Forward." Battle River Power Coop is indeed moving forward in our own sustainable and viable way. We are creating opportunities for our cooperative advantage while continuing to be guided by the Cooperative Business model. In 2015, Battle River Power Coop branded the organization as the smart choice Cooperative electrical distributor.

But why are we the smart choice? We have sustained our competitive distribution tariff rates for Battle River Power Coop members during incredibly tough economic and social times of the last two years. Transmission costs are flowed through at cost and unburdened. We offer a competitive energy contract of 6.35 cents per kilowatt-hour. For those not on an energy contract, we maintain the regulated rate option to be competitive with our peers.

Not long ago, BRPC entered into Distribution Service Operations Agreements with three REAs – Tomahawk REA, West Wetaskiwin REA, and Lindale REA, which increased our member services by 25%. Battle River Power staff now serve a combined 10,800 REA members. We offer ourselves as an alternative service provider for REAs that were previously operated by the investor-owned utility. We look forward to fostering these DSO relationships and bringing their members the same level of service and satisfaction that we give to our own members, working to keep the lights on at a low cost.

Supply chain management in the utility industry is a growing concern as demand grows for construction materials. Impacts from COVID-19 continue to affect

manufacturing production and lead times, creating labour and material shortages with compounding inflation. The geo-political drive towards carbon net-zero will continue to amplify the competitive accessibility to material, supplies, equipment, and labour availability. In 2021, we anticipated that inventory lead times would continue to trend upward and increase our inventory values contrary to the business practice of just-in-time inventory.

As a result of Alberta Utilities Commission Decision 22164, we were required to transfer forty-eight services to EPCOR in October 2021. Unfortunately, we have other members that are affected by annexations that will be transferred sometime in the future. The timing of these transfers continues to be deferred by the investor-owned utility, since the 2018 ruling. That is ok! We prefer the members stay with Battle River Power Coop.

We take our social responsibility seriously and continue to raise funds for food banks in our service area. While COVID-19 put a damper on our normal volunteer activities, we are eager to once again volunteer in our communities and schools to promote power line safety.

In closing, throughout the hardships of the past two years, we feel we have accomplished a great deal in 2021. Your Board of Directors has done an exceptional job in the best interests of the membership of governing Battle River Power Coop through a difficult period. We welcome the continuing opportunity to demonstrate our abilities and member commitment to an expanded membership base while remaining committed to continuing our path forward into a sustainable, viable future.

REGULATED RATE OPTION



The RRO may increase or decrease from month to month as it is priced on the open market and subject to many factors relating to supply and demand. It is not a 'regulated' rate, rather it is a default rate. If you do not have an energy contract, then you are on the RRO.

For July 2022, the RRO is priced at \$0.14924 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For August 2022, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.16483. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: www.brpower.coop.

The Battle River Rural Energy Contract rate is \$0.0635 per kWh until December 31, 2023.

Members are free to purchase electricity services from a retailer of their choice. For a list of retailers, visit ucahelps.alberta.ca or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta).

BATTLE RIVER POWER COOP IS AVAILABLE FOR POWER TROUBLE CALLS 24/7/365 CALL TOLL-FREE: 1.877.428.3972

