



## Battle River Power Coop Scholarship Application



**Deadline for Applications is Friday, February 10, 2023**

Annually Battle River Power Coop makes five scholarships of \$1000.00 available for dependents of Battle River Power Coop members.

If you are interested in applying for one of the five scholarship grants, you can obtain the scholarship requirements and download the application by visiting our website: [www.brpower.coop/community/scholarships](http://www.brpower.coop/community/scholarships).

**Don't delay – start collecting the necessary information for a February 10th, 2023 submission.**

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## Tapping into Member Opinion

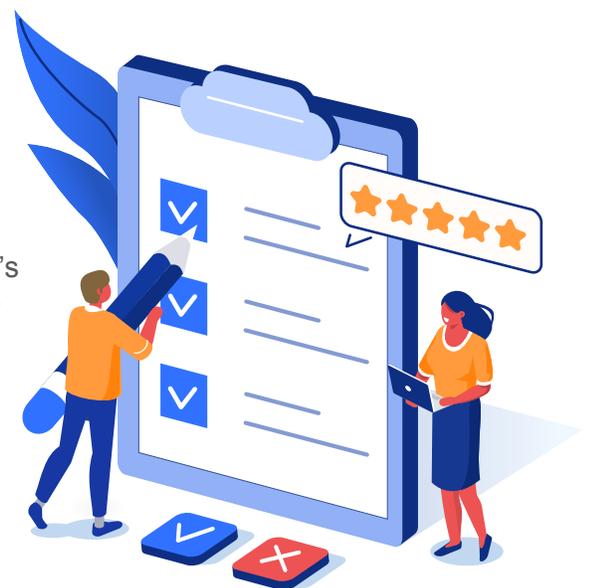
Battle River Power Coop will be initiating a member survey once again in 2023, which will be implemented by Illumina Research Partners, an independent research firm based in Calgary.

The survey will be administered by phone starting in April 2023 and will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

We encourage members to participate – your opinions and perceptions are very important to us to continue to offer you the most reliable service. Additionally, the question content is designed to confirm BRPC's compliance with the Alberta Utilities Commission, therefore it fulfills two goals with a single survey.

All responses are confidential, which means no specific person or account will be associated with any comments or ratings.

The information and analysis will be an important tool for Battle River Power Coop to continue being the “smart choice for electricity delivery in rural Alberta.”



## Keeping Powerlines and Poles Clear Part 2

Why is it important to keep the land around powerlines and poles clear?

Anyone posting items on utility poles is at risk of exposure to thousands of volts of electricity pulsing overhead. Always stay at least 10 feet away from utility lines. Unauthorized pole attachments also violate the National Electrical Safety Code.

If there was ever an issue and the power goes out around your home, crews and servicemen need access to the power pole and the transformer. It's important to make sure there is nothing in the way for them. That way Powerline Technicians can make sure that the power is on for you and your neighbours quicker. Whether it's a transformer or a power pole, having it clear of obstructions is necessary to help powerline crews.

It is also important to avoid tampering with the lines attached to the power poles. A Battle River Power Coop Powerline Technician noticed a pair of shoes wrapped over a power line while out on line patrol. This is dangerous because anything being entangled on the lines can cause power outages, or even worse; they can conduct electricity and kill/injure the person(s) below or in the vicinity.

For the safety of all our members and our staff, please do not post anything on a power pole or wrap anything around a power line.



## A HUGE *Thank You* to our Membership from Battle River Power Coop

Battle River Power Coop is proud to have a membership that helps make our Powerline Technicians' jobs a little easier during power outages.

Thank you to everyone who called in outages, plowed paths, and were so patient while we restored power because of hoar frost settling on the lines last month.



Photo Credit: Dave Nadon

## WINTER CAN BE DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS

Follow these 7 tips to stay safe, especially around downed power lines.



### 1. STAY PUT

Venture out into a winter storm only when necessary.



### 2. SLOW DOWN

Leave early so you can go slow.



### 3. WATCH OUT

Keep a lookout for downed power lines.



### 4. DON'T MOVE

If you're in a car accident involving a utility pole or power line, stay inside your vehicle.



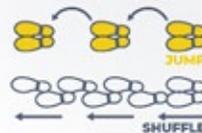
### 5. CALL 911

Report the accident and stay in place until the line is de-energized.



### 6. REPORT IT

If you see any damaged electric equipment or downed lines, call your local electric cooperative and stay away.



### 7. JUMP & SHUFFLE

If it is not safe to remain in your vehicle, jump and land with both feet together. Slowly shuffle at least 40 feet away without lifting your feet. Keep your feet together as much as possible to avoid shock.

### RE-ENERGIZING SAFETY

Your local Touchstone Energy® Cooperative wants you to be safe. For more safety tips, [yourcooppower.com](http://yourcooppower.com)



# Battle River Power Coop Member Corner



## New MVP Business



Welcome AUA Canada (Angels' Unique Assistance) to the Battle River Power Coop MVP!

We are excited to bring AUA Canada to our Member Value Program! AUA Canada provides professional and dependable cleaning services.

**For Battle River Power Coop members, AUA Canada is offering 15% off first cleaning or we will waive the initial cleaning on monthly contract.**

Visit [auacanada.com](http://auacanada.com) for more information.

Thank you to all the businesses who have offered savings to our members! Keep an eye on our website under Community as we continue to add businesses as they join.

## Government Energy Rebate Extension

The Government has announced that it will extend its energy rebate program into 2023. For sites which consume power, the current amount received is \$50.00 per month up until the end of December, 2022.

The rebate amount for January and February, 2023 will be \$75.00 per month.

The rebate amount for March and April, 2023 will be \$25.00 per month.

## Tips from the Line

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Entangling foreign objects, such as shoes or balloons, to power lines can cause power outages or serious bodily harm – even death!

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For your safety and the safety of our staff, please do not wrap anything around power lines.

## Message from the Board of Directors

One of the ways Battle River Power Coop honours the fifth cooperative principle, Education, is by supporting the education of youth in our membership through post-secondary scholarships. Five scholarships of \$1,000.00 each are available to dependents of members in good standing. Eligible students will be entering their first year of post-secondary study in either a diploma or degree-granting program. Applicants must be a high school graduates of the previous or current school year, and applications must be submitted before Friday, February 10, 2023. For more information, visit our website [www.brpower.coop/our-community/scholarships/](http://www.brpower.coop/our-community/scholarships/).

Battle River Power Coop is also putting a call out for nominations for the Board of Directors. The interests of Battle River Power Coop members are governed by the members' democratically elected representatives on the Board of Directors. The active participation of the Directors is a major asset to our membership.

If you want to nominate yourself or someone to our Board of Directors, please call 1.877.428.3972 or email [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop) for more information.



## 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 January 2023, the RRO is priced at \$0.13500 per kWh, reflected on your enclosed blue bill. For February 2023, the REA monthly rate as calculated under the RRO regulation is \$0.13500. Detailed information on the monthly RRO is available on: [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop).*

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](http://ucahelps.alberta.ca) or call 310-4822 (toll free in Alberta). *Code of Conduct Regulation: Advertising Section 7(1).*

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



## Stay Up to Date with Battle River Power Coop

If you have had any changes to phone numbers, email addresses, mailing address or wish to add other contact details to your account, please connect with us toll-free at 1.877.428.3972 or email: [brpc@brpower.coop](mailto:brpc@brpower.coop) and we will ensure your account is updated.

Other ways you can stay in the loop with Battle River Power Coop:

- **Visit our website [www.brpower.coop](http://www.brpower.coop).** The website offers on-line account access for members to review their accounts.
- Battle River Power Coop also communicates on popular social media platforms – **Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.**
- **Download our Outage App** from the Google Play or Apple Store. Our Outage App is updated with the most current information on outages in our service area.

### Want to help others learn about our Cooperative?

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, click on the link, and leave us a review!

