



SPARKS

November 2025

Each year, we participate in Discovery Days hosted by the Wyoming Air National Guard. At this event, we showcase our hotline demonstration and give students a hands-on look at the tools and equipment we use in the field.

BOARD APPROVES \$1.5 MILLION IN CAPITAL CREDITS

High West Energy is thrilled to announce that our Board of Directors has approved the retirement of approximately \$1.5 million in Capital Credits for 2025. This amount consists of money allocated to members from the years 1996, 1997, and 2024.

Members of cooperatives share in the ownership, construction, maintenance, and growth of the co-op. When you move into a home or establish a business in our service territory, you become part of our cooperative, and a capital credit account is set up in your name.

WHAT ARE CAPITAL CREDITS?

At the end of every fiscal year, any funds remaining after expenses have been paid are allocated to each member's patronage capital account based on the electricity they used the previous year. The Board will then determine if the cooperative is financially healthy enough to retire a portion of that allocated capital, which members receive as Capital Credits.

HOW WILL I RECEIVE CAPITAL CREDITS?

For all members receiving \$50 or less in Capital Credits, the amounts will automatically be applied as a bill credit. This bill credit is generally reflected on members' November billing statements. Members who are receiving more than \$50 have several choices as to how they would like their payout:

- You can apply the credit to your bill.
- You can donate your credits to Operation RoundUp®, an account

used to offer financial support to other members in a time of loss or need.

- You can receive a check for the full amount in the mail.

“It’s a privilege to announce this retirement, made possible by our Board and extraordinary team who care deeply about our members. As we navigate the ever-changing landscape of our industry, it’s always a pleasure to give back to the people who make our cooperative strong.”

-Jared Routh
CEO & General Manager

If you became a member in 2024, you would get a check automatically unless you called to request one of the other options listed above.

If you received a dividend in 2024, you would get this year's capital credits in the same way you received last year's, unless you call to request a change.

We will automatically apply your credits to your account if you have a past-due balance.

If you move, please provide us with your new address so we can continue to refund eligible credits in the future. In addition, when a member passes away, the patronage capital account is available for estate retirement. A representative of the estate should contact High West Energy to settle the account.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office as we are always here to serve you.

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YOUTH TOUR 2026

High West Energy's mission is to serve our members and communities by providing safe, reliable, and reasonably priced energy and services.

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2026 SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

Education powers communities just like electricity does, and we are proud to announce that our 2026 scholarship program is now open for high school seniors and college students. Not interested in going to college? Well, we also have scholarships for students interested in line work. Over the past few years, we've proudly awarded \$10,000 each year in scholarships to students who are dependents of High West Energy members. The average cost of college tuition per year is almost \$30,000, and trade school tuition can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000, depending on the type of program and length of the program. Scholarships not only help cover part of the cost of college, but they also ease the stress of pursuing higher education or trade school. Our scholarship program exists to simply give back to our devoted members and their families. We believe that investing in education, whether in the classroom or in the field, helps build brighter futures and stronger communities. Together, we're powering opportunity for the next generation.

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

Our application process is super simple! Head to www.highwest.coop for the fillable web form. There are no paper applications. With the application, you will need to submit two recommendation letters, as well as any supporting documents, like a résumé. Please note that our website does not save your progress in the application, so have all supporting documents ready to go before you begin the fillable form.

WHEN ARE SCHOLARSHIPS DUE?

Scholarships are due on Monday, February 2, 2026, by 5 p.m.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact our office or email scholarships@highwest.coop. We want to be part of your success, so any questions are welcome.

WHAT DOES THE PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

Once applications are turned in, each application is sent to a panel of judges outside of High West Energy. The judges panel has about three weeks to review and score each application. All scholarship applicants will be notified of their selection status by mail in March 2026. Recipients will be highlighted at our annual meeting as well as in printed materials.

How will you MAKE YOUR MARK?

Experience the trip of a lifetime with Youth Tour!

- Explore Washington, D.C. through historic monuments, world-class museums, and visits with elected officials.
- Build leadership skills and discover how you can make your mark on the future.
- Connect with students from across the country and form friendships that last a lifetime, all sponsored by your local electric cooperative.
- Must be dependent of a High West Energy member.



The application can be found at www.highwest.coop/about-my-co-op.

For questions, contact High West Energy at 307-245-3261.

