

## VEC Board Members Running Unopposed

The following incumbent candidates have qualified to run for positions on the Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) board of directors in districts in which the current directors' terms of office are expiring.

There will be no contested elections in districts 10, 11, and 12. Per Section 4.10 of the VEC Bylaws, in a voting district in which only one candidate has been qualified, no further action is necessary and these uncontested candidates have been elected as Directors.



Phillips

### District 10 - Putnum, White and Overton Counties

#### Keith Phillips

Keith Phillips, of Monterey, is the incumbent member of the Volunteer Energy Cooperative board of directors representing District 10 which includes White, Putnam and Overton counties. He has served on the VEC Board since 2005. He is the owner and operator of

Goff Funeral Home in Monterey.

Phillips is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, member and president (2003) of the Upper Cumberland Funeral Directors Association, a member and past master (1991) of the Monterey Masonic Lodge, a member of the Monterey Order of the Eastern Star, the superintendent of Welch Memorial Cemetery in Monterey, and a board member of the Whittaker Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund in Monterey. He has also served as a volunteer fireman from 1979 to 2001 with the Monterey City Volunteer Fire Department and is a member of the Monterey Lions Club.

Born in Monterey, Phillips is a 1978 graduate of Monterey High School and a 1979 graduate of Kentucky School of Mortuary. He and his wife, Tammy (Stover) Phillips, have two daughters, Amanda and Allison, and attend Monterey United Methodist Church.



Campbell

### District 11 - Fentress, Morgan and Scott Counties

#### William J. Campbell

William J. (Butch) Campbell, of Jamestown, is the incumbent member of the Volunteer Energy Cooperative board of directors representing District 11 which includes Fentress, Morgan and Scott counties. He has served on the board since 2005. He is an attorney, a businessman and a farmer.

Born in Jamestown, Campbell is a graduate of Alvin C. York Institute, Tennessee Technological University and Nashville School of Law. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology, a master's degree in biology, and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence. He served in the U.S. Army for four years, including one year in Vietnam.

He also serves on the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission (one year as chairman) and serves as a director of Union Bank in Jamestown.

He and his wife, Gertie, have one son, Doug Campbell.



Storie

### District 12 - Pickett County

#### Larry Storie

Larry Storie, of Pall Mall, is the incumbent member of the Volunteer Energy Cooperative board of directors representing District 12 which includes Pickett County. He has served on the VEC Board since 1996. He has served as the Board's Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and currently

serves as the Board's Vice Chairman.

Born in Byrdstown, Storie is a graduate of Pickett County High School. He and his wife Judy have three children, Tina Roberts, Shawn and Scott. Storie is a farmer and a member of Williams Chapel Baptist Church.

He served as president of the Pickett County Farm Bureau from 2002 to 2011, as a board member of the Tennessee Farm Bureau Commodity Committee, he is a member of the Tennessee Cattlemen's Association and the Upper Cumberland Cattlemen's Association. In 1990 Storie was named Pickett County Grassland Farmer of the Year.

## Saving With an Energy Self Audit

August is often called the dog days of summer because of high temperatures. When the temperatures rise outside, we often move our thermostats down to compensate for the heat. Adjusting your thermostat makes your HVAC unit use more electricity, and that creates a higher bill.

To offset the potential of higher usage, we are offering an online and paper energy audit. This energy audit is a do-it-yourself tool that allows you to play an active role in saving energy in your home. We can send you a paper copy, or you can go online to <https://selfaudit.2escore.com> and use the online application.

This is a great tool if you need ideas on how to make your home more comfortable, this FREE, self-guided evaluation will walk you through areas of your house where you could be losing energy and money. After completing the energy survey, you will receive a personalized report to help you improve your home's energy efficiency. In addition to the energy report, you will receive a free energy saving kit and \$10 Home Depot gift card while supplies last.



**eScore™  
Self Audit**

Take a quick and easy online energy audit at [www.2eScore.com](http://www.2eScore.com) to see how energy efficient your home is. You will receive recommendations to help you save money right away and a free energy savings kit that includes a \$10 Home Depot gift card! Find out how to improve your comfort and save money today!

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## Scholarship Winners Reflect Same Devotion to Community Service That Created VEC

When Volunteer Energy Cooperative (VEC) was formed back in 1935, the goal was not only to provide electricity to our area but to also give back. Our founders set rules for the company that we still honor today. In addition to establishing VEC as a not-for-profit, consumer-owned cooperative, VEC was designed to be committed to promoting and contributing to the communities in which we serve.

One way that we honor that commitment to our community is through our Lillard-Shadow Scholarship program. Our scholarship program is different from many other scholarship programs. While academic achievements and the financial needs of our applicants are considered, we place the highest level of importance on the applicant's commitment to community service.

The purpose of the scholarship is to identify those gifted students who have demonstrated their commitment to the community and then help them pursue their educational goals. The long-term goal is to encourage them to return home after their studies and join in the task of building a stronger community. The Lillard-Shadow Scholarship program is one of our youth outreach programs that share this same goal.

In this issue of *Powerlines*, we are announcing and highlighting our 2019 scholarship winners. The four winners – one from each of our service districts – are outstanding examples of what is right with students these days. But the winners are far from the only impressive applications assessed during our evaluation process. Our independent panel of judges reviewed 68 applications from students who are not only excelling in the classroom but are making a difference by volunteering hours of their time to help build their communities.

I'm pleased to highlight our 2019 Lillard-Shadow Scholarship recipients in this edition of *Powerlines*.



Rody Blevins  
President/CEO  
Volunteer Energy  
Cooperative

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The VECustomers Share program funded \$28,000 in community service grants in June. Since the inception of the program in October 2001, over \$6.7 million in grants has been awarded. The deadline for grant applications is the last working day of each month. For additional information, contact the office of Marketing and Economic Development, at 423-334-7051. Applications are also available online, at [www.vec.org](http://www.vec.org).



VECustomers Shares Board Member Gary Gilmore presented a grant check this past June to Debra Stevenson the treasurer of the Grandview Community Center.

**Organizations receiving grants in June**

Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department	\$2,500	United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties	\$750
Fentress County Bulldogs	\$1,750	Foundation House Ministries	\$750
Hilltoppers, Inc.	\$1,517	Creative Story Project dba The Santa Project	\$750
Rhea Alliance	\$1,250	The Rhea County Touchdown Club	\$750
Meigs County Fair Association	\$1,248	Monterey Community Youth Group	\$750
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6277	\$1,000	Pickett County Historical & Genealogical Society	\$700
Rogers Creek Elementary PTO	\$1,000	Midway High Athletic Support Club	\$550
Greater Cleveland Concert Band	\$1,000	Meigs County FFA	\$500
Pickett County Relay for Life	\$1,000	Meigs South Elementary School/STEM Program	\$500
Polk County High School Wrestling Club	\$950	Fentress County Fair Association	\$500
Midway Softball Club	\$900	Dragon Renaissance	\$500
Chilhowee Middle School Cross County Club	\$900	Camp Belle Aire Lake Association	\$500
Chilhowee Middle School Beta Club	\$900	Meigs County Quest for Success	\$500
Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Park	\$800	Cumberland County Community Band	\$485
Frazier Elementary Tremont Booster Club	\$750	Midway Middle School-Wave Serve (Recycling) Club	\$300
Claxton Community Volunteer Emergency Services	\$750	Monterey Masonic Lodge #751	\$250
Midway High School Baseball Boosters	\$750		

**Volunteer Energy Announces Scholarship Recipients**

Volunteer Energy Cooperative has announced four recipients of the Lillard-Shadow Scholarships for 2019.

**Kiana Hooper**, daughter of Tracy and Leslie Hooper, is a 2019 graduate of Walker Valley High School and the winner of the Cleveland Service Area Lillard-Shadow Scholarship. She plans to attend Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens and will be pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine. Kiana graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Kiana volunteers with Read 20 Book Drive, Angel Tree Shopping, distributed care bags to homeless through the Salvation Army, participated in Operation Christmas Child for three years and volunteered at the Ark of Cleveland a no-kill shelter.

Jamestown Service Area Lillard-Shadow Scholarship winner **Kelsey Norris**, daughter of Tammy Smith, is a 2019 graduate of Clarkrange High School. She plans to attend Roane State Community College and pursue Pre-Med and Pre-Pharmacy degrees. Kelsey graduated with a 4.0 and was ranked second in her graduating class. During her high school years, she volunteered with the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic, and through the Interact club, she hosted a color run to raise money for veterans to fly to Washington, D.C.

Stone Memorial High School graduate and Crossville Service Area Lillard-Shadow Scholarship recipient, **Alexie Inman**, plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Alexie is the daughter of Johnny and Keena Inman. She graduated from Stone Memorial with a 4.0 and was named valedictorian. At UTC she plans to pursue a degree in Exercise Science and working in Occupational Therapy. Alexie has been recognized as a leader before by her school. In



Kiana Hooper  
Walker Valley HS



Kelsey Norris  
Clarkrange HS



Alexie Inman  
Stone Memorial HS

2018 she was chosen to be one of the VEC delegates to the TECA Youth Leadership Summit by her principal and guidance counselor. Alexie also served in her community as a Special Olympics volunteer, an Apple Festival volunteer, and volunteers at a special-needs summer pre-school.

Meigs County High School graduate **Jason Vincent** is the Decatur Service Area winner of the Lillard-Shadow Scholarship. The son of Mitch and Melanie Vincent, Jason plans to attend Cleveland State Community College, Middle Tennessee State University and become a professional pilot. Jason was a Boys State representative in 2018. He now serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Decatur City Fire Department and the Meigs County Emergency Services. He recently went to Haiti with his church and worked with impoverished children.



Jason Vincent  
Meigs County HS

This scholarship program began in 2003 as a way to honor Willis A. Shadow and J. W. Lillard, founders of the Meigs County Power Association which would ultimately become Volunteer Energy Cooperative. Four \$2,000 scholarships are awarded to high school seniors each year by VEC using an independent panel of judges.

**Monthly Co-op Progress Report  
April 2019**



**Tennessee Valley Authority**

Residential & Outdoor Lighting  
**Fuel Cost Adjustment**  
Effective **July 1, 2019**

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Volunteer Energy Cooperative is an Equal Opportunity provider and employer.

**UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBER TODAY**

Starting in March, when you update your phone number(s) you will become eligible for a prize drawing.

You can update your information by calling your service center, using SmartHub, or by logging into your account at [vec.org](http://vec.org). You can also use the form on the back of your bill.

