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2025 Mid-Carolina Touchstone Energy Scholarship Winners

LEXINGTON, S.C. – Seven high school graduates from South Carolina’s Midlands region are preparing for college with more than just excitement: They’re heading off with a meaningful financial boost.

Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative has awarded each student a \$4,000 Touchstone Energy Scholarship, designed to support local youth in their pursuit of higher education. The recipients represent a range of academic interests and will be attending institutions both in-state and across the country.

This year’s scholarship recipients are Caroline Hoffman of Brookland-Cayce High School, who will attend the University of South Carolina; Rylan Cullum, a homeschooled student, who will attend Maryville College; Addison Cook of Lexington High School, who will attend Lander University; John Gardner IV of River Bluff High School, who will attend the University of South Carolina Honors College; William Wang of Dutch Fork High School, who will attend Stanford University; Maple Erickson of Chapin High School, who will attend Brigham Young University; and Owen Roddy of Spring Hill High School, who will attend the College of Charleston Honors College.

“These are exceptional young people,” said Bob Paulling, Mid-Carolina Electric President and CEO. “We’re proud to support them as they take this next step in their educational journey. We know they will represent our community well.”

Mid-Carolina Electric’s annual scholarship recognizes students who not only excel academically but also demonstrate leadership and a commitment to community service. Applications for the cooperative’s 2026 schools will open in January.

Founded in 1940, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative serves more than 65,000 homes and businesses in central South Carolina. The organization has long prioritized education as part of its broader mission to strengthen the communities it serves.

About Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative

For more than 85 years, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative has brought its members advances that make a difference in their daily lives. From the original construction of power lines that carried electricity to rural areas needing it most to fiber optic internet and smart grid technology, Mid-Carolina delivers what matters. As a not-for-profit, member-owned electric distribution utility, we’re deeply committed to the communities we call home to deliver reliable, cost-efficient utilities and innovative solutions. We are — and always have been — in your corner.

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