



Corridor Energy
Cooperative

Corridor Connections

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR OUR MEMBERS



College Scholarships Available

Do you have a high school senior graduating this May? Corridor Energy is excited to offer multiple scholarships for students planning to attend an Iowa college, university, or vocational/technical school this fall (2026).

As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, Corridor Energy has awarded college scholarships since 1995 to graduating high school seniors living in a home served by Corridor Energy.

Scholarship selections are based on multiple criteria—not just grades—so students are encouraged to apply even if they don't have a perfect GPA.

How To Apply

Scholarship applications, along with the full rules and instructions, will be available on our website at www.corridorenergy.coop on January 12th.

Key Dates

- **Application deadline: March 2, 2026**
- **Recipients notified by mail: April 1, 2026**
- **Winners announced online: April 1, 2026**
(posted on our website)

Bachelor's Degree Scholarship

- Eight (8) scholarships of \$2,000 each
- For graduating high school seniors enrolling full-time in a bachelor's (undergraduate) degree program
- Must attend an accredited Iowa college or university

Associate's Degree Scholarship

- Two (2) scholarships of \$1,000 each
- For graduating high school seniors enrolling full-time in an associate's degree program
- Must attend an accredited Iowa two-year vocational or technical school

Allen Feickert Memorial Scholarship (Powerline Program)

This scholarship provides an incredible opportunity for students entering the powerline field.

- Two (2) scholarships of \$2,000 each
- For graduating high school seniors in Iowa entering the Powerline Diploma Program at Northwest Iowa Community College in Sheldon, Iowa



Keeping Power Safe, Reliable, and Affordable

Our vegetation management program is designed to deliver reliable power to our members while preserving the natural beauty of our community. By taking a proactive approach, we provide important benefits in three key areas: safety, reliability, and affordability.

Safety

Safety is our top priority. Overgrown trees and vegetation near power lines can create serious hazards. For example, trees coming into contact with power lines in members' yards can pose a grave danger to families and property. Proactive trimming also reduces the risk of falling branches or trees during storms, helping create safer conditions for lineworkers restoring power during emergencies.

Reliability

Vegetation management plays a critical role in maintaining reliable service. Strategic tree trimming keeps power lines clear, reducing the likelihood of downed lines and minimizing outages caused by vegetation-related issues.

Affordability

As a not-for-profit cooperative, we work hard to manage costs and keep rates affordable for our members. When trees grow too close to power lines, the risk of costly repairs increases. Routine tree trimming and ongoing vegetation management help prevent expensive damage, saving money for everyone.

Through effective vegetation management, we can keep power lines clear, prepare for future weather events, and protect the long-term reliability of the electric grid. By working together with our members, we can help ensure safe, reliable power for our entire community. **If you notice a tree or vegetation near power lines that may need trimming, visit our website and complete the tree trimming request form so our team can review it.**

2026 REBATES

Residential & Small Commercial Rebates

Explore our 2026 rebates! Visit our website for details, eligibility, and terms. Submit your application within 90 days of installation or invoice to qualify.

ENERGY STAR Ground-Source Heat Pump

• Closed Loop System (new)	\$450/ton
• Hybrid Closed Loop System (gas backup)	\$550/ton
• Replacement Unit	\$100/ton
• Desuperheater (new installs only)	\$150/unit

ENERGY STAR Air-Source Heat Pump

• All Electric and Hybrid Systems	\$300/ton
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ENERGY STAR Cold Climate Air-Source Heat Pump

• All Electric and Hybrid Systems	\$500/ton
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Supplemental Mini-Split Heat Pump

• ENERGY STAR or Cold Climate	\$200/ton
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HVI Certified Indoor Air Quality

Energy or Heat Recovery Ventilation	\$300/unit
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Hybrid Heat Pump Water Heater

• Go Electric Bonus	\$100
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Level II EV Charger

	\$175
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Appliances

• Heat Pump Dryer	\$150
• Induction Cooktop Stove	\$75

Smart Plugs

	up to \$10 per plug
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Timers

• Water Heater Timer	up to \$50
• Pool Pump Timer	up to \$50

New Home Construction

• B.E. Smart Home Bonus	\$2000/home
• Parade of Homes Marketing Incentive	\$1000/home



Easier. Faster. Better: Explore Our New Website!

Our new website is officially live! It's faster, easier to navigate, and designed to help you get where you're going—whether you're visiting from a computer or your phone.

What's New

The new site includes several upgrades that make it simpler to manage your account and find information quickly:

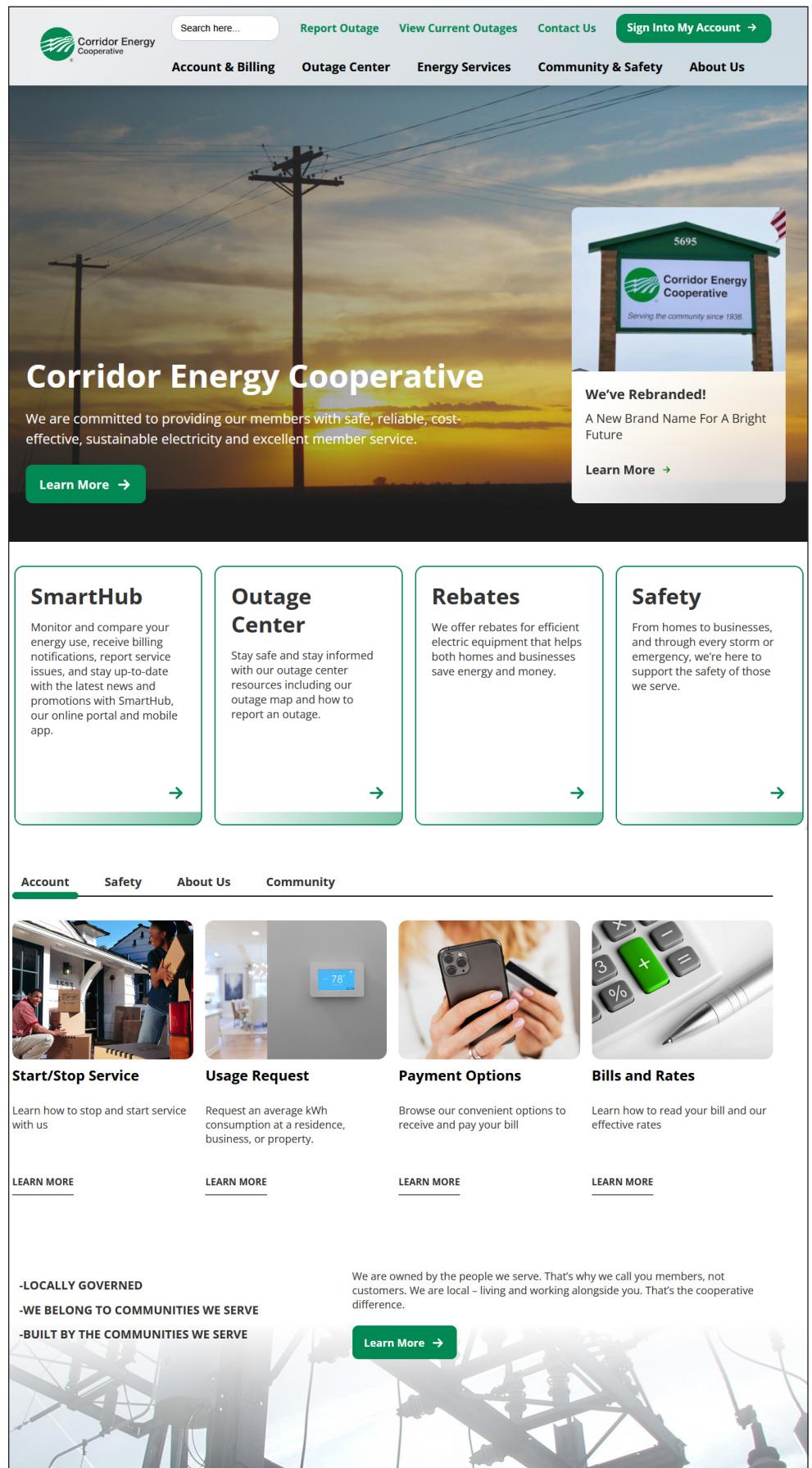
- SmartHub account login on every page.** No more hunting for the login button—our new, convenient SmartHub login feature is available on every page, so your account is always just a click away.
- Quick link icons for faster navigation.** New quick link icons take you straight to the most-visited pages and resources, helping you find what you're looking for in seconds.
- Easy-to-use online forms.** We've added streamlined online forms that are simple to complete from any device—making it easier than ever to submit requests and share information with our team.

Built to Be Easier on Any Device

The refreshed design is clean, mobile-friendly, and organized to help you get things done quickly—without the extra scrolling and searching.

Check It Out Today

Explore the new website and see the improvements for yourself at www.corridorenergy.coop.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Corridor Energy Cooperative website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Search here...', 'Report Outage', 'View Current Outages', 'Contact Us', and 'Sign Into My Account'. Below the navigation is a main menu with 'Account & Billing', 'Outage Center', 'Energy Services', 'Community & Safety', and 'About Us'. The main content area features a large image of utility poles against a sunset sky. A green sign on the right side of the image reads 'Corridor Energy Cooperative' and 'Serving the community since 1938'. To the right of the sign, a box says 'We've Rebranded! A New Brand Name For A Bright Future' with a 'Learn More' button. Below this, there are four cards with quick links: 'SmartHub', 'Outage Center', 'Rebates', and 'Safety'. Each card has a green arrow pointing to the right. Below these cards is a horizontal navigation bar with tabs for 'Account' (which is underlined in green), 'Safety', 'About Us', and 'Community'. Under the 'Account' tab, there are four sections: 'Start/Stop Service', 'Usage Request', 'Payment Options', and 'Bills and Rates', each with a small image and a 'LEARN MORE' button. At the bottom of the page, there's a section titled '-LOCALLY GOVERNED', '-WE BELONG TO COMMUNITIES WE SERVE', and '-BUILT BY THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE'. To the right, there's a box with the text 'We are owned by the people we serve. That's why we call you members, not customers. We are local – living and working alongside you. That's the cooperative difference.' and a 'Learn More' button. The background of the page features a faint image of utility infrastructure.

Generate Safely With These Tips

Never connect a standby generator to your home's electrical system. There are only two safe ways to connect a standby generator to your equipment:

Stationary Generator

- A professional should install an approved generator transfer switch that keeps your house circuits separate from Corridor Energy's.



Portable Generator

- Plug appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.
- Set up and run your generator in a well-ventilated area outside the home. Ensure it's out and away from your garage, doors, windows, and vents. The carbon monoxide generated is deadly.
- Use a heavy-duty extension cord to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.
- Start the generator first before connecting appliances.



Cheesy Chicken Noodle Soup

3 cups chopped cooked chicken
1 (10.5-oz) can condensed cheese soup
6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 cup milk
2 ribs celery, chopped
2 carrots, thinly sliced
1 tsp onion powder
½ tsp garlic powder
¼ tsp salt, or to taste
¼ tsp pepper, or to taste
8- oz dried fine egg noodles, uncooked
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

In a large stockpot/Dutch oven, combine cooked chicken, cheese soup, chicken broth, milk, chopped celery, sliced carrots, onion powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to simmer and cook for 20 to 25 minutes, until vegetables are soft. Stir in dried noodles and shredded cheddar cheese. Cook for 5 minutes, until noodles are soft.

Official Complaint Notice

Any complaint that you, as a member of Corridor Energy Cooperative, may have against the cooperative will be answered by contacting us during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday) by calling 319-377-1587 or toll free at 1-800-332-5420, in person at 5695 REC Drive, Marion, IA., or by writing to Corridor Energy Cooperative, P.O. Box 69, Marion, IA., 52302-0069. You may also email us at cec@corridorenergy.coop.

If your complaint is related to service disconnection, safety or engineering standards, or renewable energy and Corridor Energy Cooperative does not resolve your complaint, you may request assistance from the Iowa Utilities Commission by calling (515) 725-7300, or toll-free 1-877-565-4450, by writing to 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069, or by email to customer@iub.iowa.gov.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Corridor Energy Cooperative receives funding from the USDA and is required to provide notice of the following:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Program information may be made available in language other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language) should contact the responsible Mission Area, agency, or staff office; the USDA TARGET Center at (202)720-2600 (voice and TTY); or the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form, AD-3027, *USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form*, which can be obtained online at <https://www.usda.gov/forms/electronic-forms>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of the alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

(1) **Mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

(2) **Fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) **Email:** program.intake@usda.gov

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