

# The Lamplighter

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## 2012 TREWA Scholarship Report

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**The scholarship contest is fast approaching, so let's get the word out to our College-Bound Students!**

**Congratulations to the winners and a big Thank You to all of the applicants of 2011!!!**

TREWA will be awarding fifteen (15) \$1,500 scholarships for the 2012 year which we have been able to do so for the last couple of years because of your support. We are proud to be able to offer these scholarships and to help our members with college expenses.



### TREWA Scholarship Eligibility and Procedures

The objective of *Texas Rural Electric Women's Association* (TREWA)

is to educate and create interest and understanding of the Rural Electric systems among the members and general public.

TREWA members work to present a unified front for the member-owned systems as they improve the quality of life in rural Texas.



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1. Fifteen (15) TREWA scholarships, of \$1,500 each, will be awarded to CURRENT TREWA members and their children. Applicant or applicant's parent or guardian must also be a current member or an employee of a Texas electric cooperative or an employee of Texas Electric Cooperatives, Inc.
2. Grades received in high school will not be the deciding factor in the selection process.
3. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors, full-time college students, or adults, who have been accepted as a full-time student to attend any accredited college, university, junior college, community college, trade/technical school, or business school of their choice.
4. Courses must be taken in credit towards a degree, certificate, diploma or license and awarded by the educational institution.
5. Judging is based on leadership qualities, career focus, personal need, energy awareness, essay content and general knowledge of the rural electric program.
6. The selection process will include, but not be limited to, (1) TREWA scholarship application, (2) three letters of recommendation, (3) a current photo (4) current cooperative electric bill or proof of employment by a Texas electric cooperative or Texas Electric Cooperative. Applications must be postmarked by midnight, March 30th 2012 to be judged.
7. Half of the amount of each award will be made at the beginning of the first term or semester, and the second half will be paid at the beginning of the second term or semester. In order for the scholarship payment to be issued, the student must submit to TREWA proof of enrollment and proof of full-time student status from the registrar's office for the current semester. Scholarship payments will be sent to the school the student will be attending and will be payable to the school. *The Scholarship MUST be used the first semester following the awarding of the scholarships*
8. Should recipients choose not to continue his/her education for any reason, the recipient should notify TREWA, in writing, at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester.
9. TREWA will award a scholarship to an individual only once.
10. Applications may be obtained at [www.trewa.org](http://www.trewa.org) or by writing: Lynne Erickson, TREWA Scholarship Chairman, Houston County Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 52, Crockett, TX 75835 or [lynne@houstoncountyelec.com](mailto:lynne@houstoncountyelec.com) or calling Lynne at 1-800-657-2445 ext. 224.

## Presidents Message by Rickie Warren



**What an exciting year** we can expect 2012 to be. It is a new year and we will again try to break record goals established in 2011. The totals are in and with everyone's support in helping with the purchase of raffle tickets, arts and crafts,

and the silent auction we raised over \$15,000. With this great success we were able to increase our donation to Rural Friends/ACRE to \$20,000, award 15-scholarships of \$1,500 each, and provide three t-shirts to each Government-in-Action Youth Tour participant.

Also, a special thanks to TEC, Enervision, Co-Bank, Scarbrough, Medlin & Associates, Cox-Smith Attorney's, Techline, Inc, Brickfield, Bruchette, Ritts & Stone Insurance Network of Texas for their generous donations to the \$1,000 gift cards we were able to give away. We are so thankful to all who helped make this year's meeting such a huge success. The winners were Denise Stewart, Guadalupe Valley EC, Margaret Hill, Hilco EC, Gina Evett, Deaf Smith EC, Steve Harris, Tri-County EC, Greg Jones, Cherokee EC and Larry Corbett, Cooke County EC.

At the TREWA Annual Membership meeting in August we presented two Honorary Memberships to TREWA. Mr. David McGinnis, General Manager/CEO, Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Mr. Mike Williams, President/CEO, Texas Electric Cooperatives.

TREWA is now accepting nominations for Honorary Memberships. An Honorary Membership may be given to a person having made outstanding personal contributions to TREWA. Our goal is to present at least one Honorary Membership at our annual membership meeting in August. Nomination is as simple as sending the name and biographical information of your nominee along with his/her personal contributions to: TREWA, c/o Rickie Warren, PO Drawer 1013, Muleshoe, TX 79347. Please have your nominations in by March 15, 2012 to be considered.

Now that the new year has rolled around, please begin making or purchasing items we can include in our arts and crafts sale at the TEC annual meeting next August in San Antonio. Our thanks and appreciation goes to those who have contributed items in the past. The success of our sale depends on you.

## Raffle Item Winners at the 2011 Annual Meeting

Group 1-Visa \$500 Gift Card  
 Group 2-TV  
 Group 3-iPad  
 Group 4-Academy \$500 Gift Card  
 Group 5-\$500 Southwest Airlines Voucher  
 Group 6-\$500 Cabela's Gift Card  
 Group 7-\$501 Cash

Darren Schauer with Guadalupe Valley EC  
 Rick Ickert with Fort Belknap EC  
 Jim Batton with Greenbelt EC  
 Clyde Geer with Co-Serve EC  
 Leroy Skloss with Karnes EC  
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 Jerry Roberts with Deaf Smith EC

The TREWA Board of Directors would like to thank you for the continued support that is given to this organization. TREWA membership is open to men and women of rural electric cooperatives. We encourage you to become a part of our growing organization as we continue to *light the lamp of knowledge for the future.*

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Membership has its privileges. The children of TREWA members are eligible to apply for the scholarships that are sponsored by TREWA. Members also receive an edition of the *Lamplighter* which is published twice a year.

## TREWA Membership Report *By Christine Jouett*

Regular membership price is \$10.00 each per year and to date we have 469 members. Once again, TREWA is offering memberships at \$8.00 each to cooperatives that sign 100% of their directors and directors' spouses. And to make the offer even better, TREWA is offering membership at \$5.00 each to cooperatives that enroll 100% of their directors, directors' spouses, and employees (or spouse of an employee). We would like to acknowledge and thank the cooperatives that currently have 100% membership: Heart of Texas EC from Group 2, Comanche EC from Group 4 and Tri County EC from Group 3.

TREWA membership forms are available at the TREWA website: [www.trewa.org](http://www.trewa.org)

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## Silent Auction, Art and Craft Sale a SUCCESS!!! By Rickie Warren

TREWA's Arts and Crafts Sale as well as the Silent Auction were a huge success the past August during the TEC Annual Meeting in Austin. Many of you donated craft items for this event and we appreciate your talents and all of the extra effort in supporting TREWA. To make our 2012 event even better, we again need for you to consider providing an arts and crafts item or an item that will have the members scrambling to bid on during the silent auction. The proceeds continue to fund scholarships each year and also support Rural Friends/ACRE.



To send a craft item or make a donation to TREWA, please mail them to Bobbi Byford, PO Box 888, Kaufman, TX 75142. You can also give your craft or silent auction item with any TREWA board member. Again, thank you for your continued support.



Your donated items help provide funds for scholarships and Rural Friends / ACRE.

### YES! I'll donate a hand-crafted item to TREWA!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Item donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Value Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unable to attend the TEC Annual Meeting and would like to donate a crafted item, please designate someone to bring your item for you:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Form to:  
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