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Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is dedicated to providing affordable, reliable energy and services that support and unite our member-owners.

We also aspire to meet the Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperative core values of integrity, innovation, accountability and commitment to community.

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc., is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.





### **Celebrate Co-op Month!**

By providing the electricity that powers your home, farm or business, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative plays a role in your daily life. We are thankful for the opportunities to help our members feed families, harvest crops, power progressive businesses and stay connected to the world.

Electric cooperatives observe Co-op Month in October. Operating in the spirit of cooperation, cooperatives are a true example of grassroots involvement because they are owned and controlled by those they serve. Our business model — and our local, hometown members — are what power Mor-Gran-Sou.

Thank you, members, for being active and involved. Together, let's celebrate Co-op Month.

## HONOR THE PERSON WHO POWERS YOU

#### Nominate someone who could WIN \$5,000

At Mor-Gran-Sou, we believe it's important to recognize the people who power our lives. That's why, in partnership with Touchstone Energy<sup>®</sup> Cooperatives, we're sharing the annual #WhoPowersYou contest. This is an opportunity to honor inspirational people in our community.

Who has made a positive difference in your life? The person you nominate could win up to \$5,000! He or she does not have to be a co-op member.

#### How to enter:

• Visit www.WhoPowersYou.com to make a nomination through Nov. 4.

• Then, visit the website again and vote for your favorite person! Winners will be announced in early 2019.

## Opt into the Operation Round Up program

Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative is offering Operation Round Up to its members. It is a program in which Mor-Gran-Sou members can voluntarily choose to round up their monthly utility bills to the next dollar and donate their pennies to the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation Board, who are also Mor-Gran-Sou members, will meet and disburse funds in the form of grants to non-profit corporations, organizations or agencies. All of the money raised by members stays in our local communities.

On average, participating members donate about \$6 a year. The most a member would ever contribute a month is 99 cents. The donation will be taxdeductible, and members who participate will receive a summary on their last billing statement of the year.

All rounded-up funds flow directly into the Mor-Gran-Sou Charitable Foundation, Inc., and are overseen by the board of directors. Mor-Gran-Sou personnel will administer the program as a service to the foundation.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 663-0297, 597-3301 or 800-750-8212. To opt in, fill out the form below and return it to the co-op.

#### I wish to participate in Operation Round Up at Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc.

□ Yes, I agree that Mor-Gran-Sou, through the Operation Round Up program, has my permission to round up my monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar. I understand I have the option to opt out with a 30-day written notice to the co-op.

Name:

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

Account #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Email the form to

jarmijo@morgransou.com; or mail to: Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, Inc. / P.O. Box 297 / Flasher, ND 58535

Signature

# JUNE 15-21, 2019

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#### AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

- To enter the essay-writing contest, you must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardian must be served by
  Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative.
- If you have a question, contact Julie Armijo, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric, at the address listed below, or call 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212 during regular business hours.
  - The deadline is Jan. 31, 2019. Emailed entries should be directed to jarmijo@morgransou.com, and hard-copy entries mailed to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 297, Flasher, ND 58535-0297.

## **ESSAY QUESTION:**

Electric cooperatives are member-owned and controlled. As a future member-owner of your cooperative, describe ways that smart technologies and social media might be used to communicate with young adults. How might they be used to increase awareness and interest in the many career opportunities with electric cooperatives?

# check out the essay-contest guidelines at www.ndyouthtour.com

### **Unclaimed capital credits**

The September and October local pages of *North Dakota Living* contain the names of current or former Mor-Gran-Sou members who have unclaimed capital credit checks that were mailed in December. These checks have either been received but not cashed, or returned to Mor-Gran-Sou by the postal service because they could not locate the members at the address on file. A further search by Mor-Gran-Sou personnel has not turned up their whereabouts.

The September list contains names listed A through GI. The October list contains names GI-MO. We will continue publishing names in future issues until we complete the notification process.

If you know the whereabouts of people on this list, please have them contact our office at 701-597-3301, 701-663-0297 or 800-750-8212.

Please keep in mind that not all of the capital credit amounts are large, but we would like to get these checks to the proper parties.

Persons who wish to claim checks from the list published in the September local pages of *North Dakota Living* will need to provide proper personal identification.



# Also in the OCTOBER issue of North Dakota Living:

■ How Mor-Gran-Sou fits into the electric co-op network

- Members earn N.D. Leopold Conservation Award
- Board mtg. minutes & more

