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## Introducing YOUR 2017 Youth Tour delegate...



**N**orth Carolina's electric cooperatives are sending 46 high school students from across the state to Washington, D.C., for the 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. They will join more than 1,600 other U.S. students on the Tour, set for June 10-16. Halifax Electric Member-

ship Corporation has chosen one to represent our cooperative as a budding leader in the community.

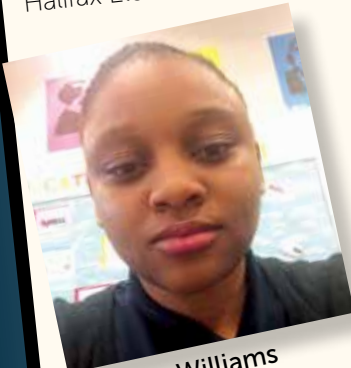
A'Laysia Williams is a rising senior at Warren New Tech High School in Warren County. A'Laysia has many scholastic accomplishments, including Principal's List and Honor Roll, and she received the Warren County Board of Education Light of Character Award in both 2015 and 2016. She serves as a Student Government Association volunteer and is a member of the Social Awareness Club and Music Club.

Students on the NC Youth Tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network and tour Washington, D.C.

"The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students from North Carolina, and we're proud to send our best and brightest to Washington, D.C., this year to participate," said Julia Allsbrook, Halifax EMC Communication Specialist. "These students will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process

and make connections with others from across the country that will last a lifetime. Our youth are our future, and Halifax EMC is committed to providing opportunities for students by continuing the Youth Tour tradition."

Over the past 50 years, electric cooperatives in NC have sent more than 1,700 high school students on the Tour to Washington, D.C. Students interested in applying can contact Julia Allsbrook at 252-445-5111 or [jallsbrook@halifaxemc.com](mailto:jallsbrook@halifaxemc.com).



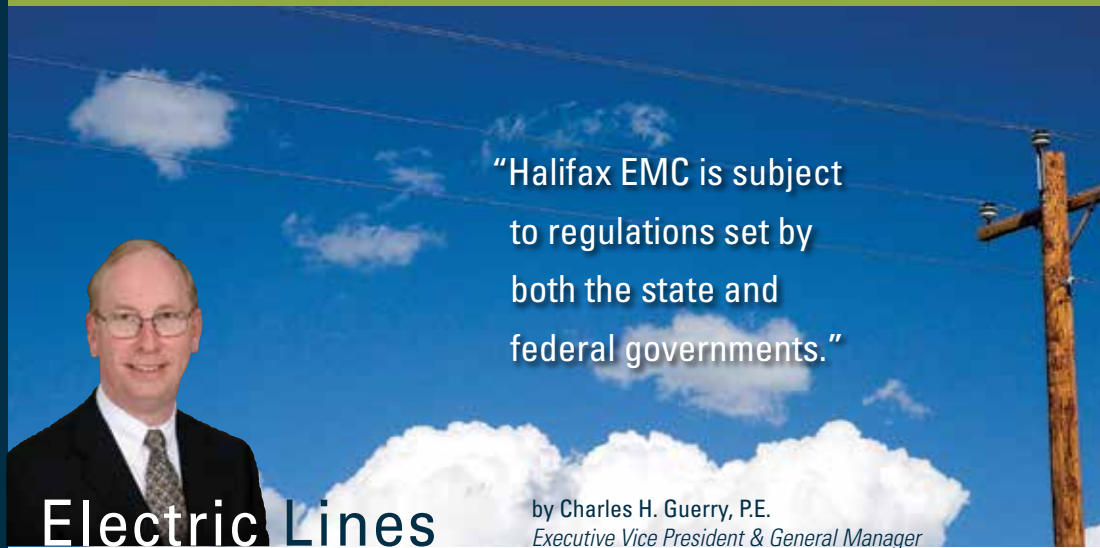
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### Tell Us...

Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative. Your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service. Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or e-mail them to [bamartin@halifaxemc.com](mailto:bamartin@halifaxemc.com). Specific account questions will be answered personally. Remember to include your account number for these types of questions.



## Electric Lines

“Halifax EMC is subject to regulations set by both the state and federal governments.”

by Charles H. Guerry, P.E.  
Executive Vice President & General Manager

In late March, President Donald Trump signed the “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth” executive order. The order aims to reduce regulatory barriers to domestic energy production. It also begins the lengthy process of suspending components of the Clean Power Plan, a rule implemented under President Obama to reduce carbon emissions from power plants. What does this mean for members of Halifax EMC?

As a utility, Halifax EMC is subject to regulations set by both the state and federal governments. And while pieces of the Clean Power Plan will likely be rolled back, other federal and state standards, like the North Carolina Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard, are likely to remain in place.

President Trump’s executive order on energy now faces administrative, regulatory and legal processes that could take years to complete. Regardless of the timeline on that particular issue, Halifax EMC will continue to engage with local and state policymakers, and participate in federal policy processes along with our national cooperative

network. We support policies that allow us to best serve our local members by incorporating into our energy portfolio multiple cost-effective generation resources, including solar and grid enhancements.

Beyond policy activities, market forces, technology and consumer expectations are driving changes in the industry. Together, over the last decade, these elements have guided utilities’ decisions to make modifications and incorporate alternative sources of generation to reduce our overall carbon footprint.

As a local, member-owned power provider, Halifax EMC seeks solutions and proven technologies to bolster our distribution system, with the goal of serving the growing needs of cooperative members and mitigating cost increases in a changing environment.

We will continue to work with electric cooperatives nationwide to advocate on behalf of members in the halls of government, and help elected officials understand how legislative and regulatory actions can impact electric cooperative members. And above all, we will continue to pursue strategies that best serve you — our members.

## Be ready for summer storms

June 1 marks the start of Hurricane Season!

At Halifax EMC, we’re preparing for storm season now. And we want you, our members, to be prepared, too. Weather the storm by taking action now:

- Make a plan: Identify the safest spots in your home, designate a meeting place, and write down emergency contact information.
- Make an emergency kit: Include water and food (for humans and pets), batteries, flashlights, a first-aid kit and other items your family might need.
- Review storm safety tips: Learn how to stay safe through hurricanes and adverse weather at Halifax EMC’s website: [halifaxemc.com](http://halifaxemc.com)
- Connect with us: See the latest outage updates and important info on our Facebook page.

No matter what the weather brings, Halifax EMC stands ready to respond. Prepare yourself and your family now, too!



### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Keep warm summer air outside where it belongs! Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy





## Empowering opportunities

Supporting communities and youth through education

At Halifax EMC, we understand the impact that excellence in education can have on a community. We're owned and directed by the local members we serve, and we take pride in supporting programs that make a difference for our students and future leaders. As the school year winds down, we thank the educators and students who work with us to create educational opportunities in our community – like these!

Each year, Halifax EMC offers \$7,500 in Bright Ideas grants to local educators. These grants allow our teachers to tailor innovative lessons to inspire young minds. Offered by electric cooperatives statewide, Bright Ideas grants have propelled 9,800 creative projects, worth \$10.2 million and benefiting 2 million students across the state since 1994. We're seeking the next round of Bright Ideas grant recipients now – educators can apply today at [NCBrightIdeas.com](http://NCBrightIdeas.com)!

Calling all high-school students! Participating in the NC Youth Tour to D.C. is an exciting way to interact with North Carolina's congressional delegation, build leadership skills, gain a better understanding of electric cooperatives and our nation's history, and make friendships that will last a lifetime. Learn about this opportunity for high-school juniors at [www.halifaxemc.com/Education/youthTour.aspx](http://www.halifaxemc.com/Education/youthTour.aspx).

This month, an exceptional local middle-school student is seizing an opportunity to learn about teamwork from some of the top basketball players in the state via the Touchstone Energy Sports Camp Scholarship program. Our all-expenses-paid scholarships send young men to the University of North Carolina and young women to NC State University for basketball camp each summer – an experience that builds foundational skills applicable on the court and in the classroom. Join us next summer! Learn more at [ncemcs.com/community/sportsCamps.htm](http://ncemcs.com/community/sportsCamps.htm).

Supporting local educational opportunities is part of our commitment to you, our members. We are proud to not only power, but to also empower, the people and communities we serve.



### Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC  
will be closed on  
Tuesday, July 4.  
Have a safe holiday!



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