

REC'S SUPPORT OF

Solar Power Shines Bright



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| Family Finds it Easy to Go Solar

A licensed engineer, Joe Gilpin is trained to look for efficiencies.

"I spend a lot of time optimizing everything in life from projects at work or at home to our electric bill," Gilpin said.

When his family moved to 10 acres in the Milford community of Caroline County, he wasn't sure Virginia's climate – or its abundant trees – would make solar a feasible option.

"But spending some time over COVID on the computer at home," Gilpin said, "I figured I'd give it a shot and take a look at what's available."

The result: On a warm Wednesday in September, a crew from Nova Solar Inc. installed a 45-panel, ground-mounted solar array on a portion of Gilpin's bucolic property.

In installing solar panels, the Gilpins joined more than 1,300 REC member-owners who are also generating their own electricity, technically known as "net metering." That's a fancy way of saying that these members and their solar contractors have worked with REC to interconnect their electricity generating systems to the electric grid. Gilpin said: "The policies that Rappahannock Electric has just make it very easy."



| Want to Support Solar Power *without* Installing Panels?

With Cooperative Sunshare, REC members can harness the power of the sun without making any kind of upfront investment.

There's no equipment to buy, no permits and no hassle. All the solar power is generated right here in Virginia! We are making it easy to participate and support renewable energy.

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RIGHT FOR
YOU?



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Students: Scholarship Applications Now Open!

Each year, REC offers the Community Scholarship program to students who are seeking to advance their career goals by attending a college or a career and technical school.

To apply for each scholarship, the applicant's parent or guardian must be a member-owner of REC, and the applicant must be planning to enroll in an accredited educational or training institution.



The deadline to apply is Jan. 25, 2022.

Two \$2,500 and 15 \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Those eligible to apply:

Seniors in high school planning to attend a college or university in 2022.

Students planning to attend a career and technical school in 2022.

Students currently enrolled in a college or university.

Scholarship recipients in each category will be selected based upon their scholastic achievements, community involvement, recommendations and extracurricular activities. Recipients will be notified by March 2021 of their award with scholarships being presented before the end of the school year for the student.

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