



### **Eligibility**

This contest is open to fourth and fifth grade South Carolina students. Students, individually or in group of up to four, must develop their entries under the supervision of an adult who assures the entry adheres to the rules and provides general guidance. The story and illustrations must be the students' work and be submitted on the hardback book sets provided.

### **Content**

Each entry must address the following:

- What is an electric cooperative?
- Why were electric cooperatives formed?
- Energy, any topic about energy, as one of the characters or elements in the plot of your story. For example, have you woven into your story something about renewable energy, energy efficiency, an environmental issue, energy usage, an energy source, energy distribution, forms of energy, or rural electrification?
- Include an "Author's Summary" or small introduction and a photograph of the author(s) on the inside back cover. Do the same for the illustrator if a different person.

### **Creative Guidelines and Judging Rubric**

Entries will be judged on three criteria: story, illustrations, and connection to and inclusion of electricity. Books can be fiction or nonfiction. Text may be typed or handwritten. Each book must clearly have a title, author, and illustrator. Each entry may use up to two pages for glossary terminology, if desired.

### **Selection Criteria**

Entries will be judged on originality of story and the creative connection of content to energy, cooperatives, and how electricity changes lives through words and illustrations.

### **Prizes**

- Each winning student from each cooperative will receive a check for \$50. The teacher will also receive \$50. Groups cannot be larger than 4 students.
- One state-wide grand prize winner (student) will receive a check for \$500. The teacher will also get a monetary gift.
- Winners will have their book printed.
- The state-wide winner will be announced in SC Living Magazine.
- Color copies of winning books will be displayed in the local co-op offices.