



You Are A Powerful Force for Democracy.

And we'll pay you to prove it.



*pictured: 2017 We Own
It Fellowship Group in
Nashville, TN*

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Cooperative Energy
Democracy
Fellowship with
We Own It

Join with other Fellows and hone your skills in the fight for integrity, transparency, clean energy, lower rates – and above all – restored democracy – at your electric co-op.

As a 2019-2020 Cooperative Energy Democracy Fellow, you'll learn the most effective ways to educate and engage others in helping to restore authority and decision making to the co-op members. This is both technical training as well as leadership development that will have a lasting impact on your career. AND there's a monthly stipend.

Benefits of becoming a 2019-2020 Cooperative Energy Democracy Fellow:

- › Join a community of dozens of other electric co-op member-owners organizing for change in their co-op
- › Receive a generous monthly \$500 stipend from September to December 2019 and \$1000 from January to May 2020
- › Receive training and mentoring in critical grassroots organizing skills both online and in-person at a three-day training event (all costs included)
- › Access powerful tools, software, and membership data for your co-op and gain experience as a grassroots leader
- › Learn effective methods of recruitment, leadership development, team formation, and implementing campaign tactics
- › Serve your community by restoring the full potential of your democratically-owned co-op and its powerful economic development and job creation opportunities
- › Invest in your own leadership and development, and strengthen your resume to be more competitive for future career opportunities
- › Join the movement for electric co-op reform across the country.

Background

America's rural electric cooperatives were founded in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s as a democratic solution to a community problem -- getting electricity and economic opportunity to America's farms. Democratically owned and controlled, they were the antidote to the for-profit utilities that refused to serve America's rural communities. Sadly, after decades of declining member engagement, too many co-ops are falling short in their mission -- or have been caught outright stealing money from their member-owners. The need for reform is urgent and real. The time is now.

About We Own It

We Own It is a new, independent, national member-owner organizing and education nonprofit. We're committed to helping member-owners protect their rights and make sure that co-ops are focused on serving member interests. We help inspire, educate, and empower member-owner campaigns across the US.

FAQ's

Who is eligible to become a Fellow?

We are seeking electric cooperative member-owners from across the US (and those who work closely with them) over the age of 18.

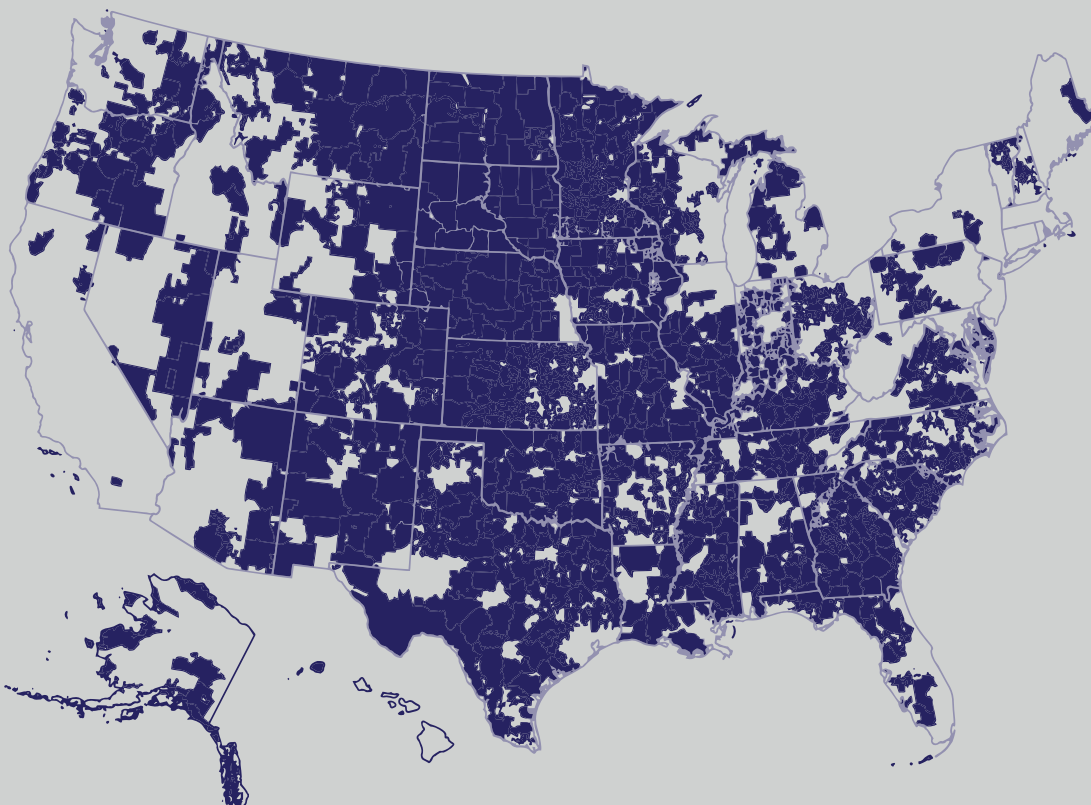
When does the Fellowship start and end? The Fellowship will run from September 6, 2019 to May 31st, 2020.

What is the time commitment?

Approximately 10 hours per week. This includes your campaign work, biweekly online meetings, instructional reading and writing, and coaching sessions. There is an in-person kick-off workshop January 10-12th, 2020 (plus travel time to and from training location, TBD.)

**We're looking for you!
Apply Now:**

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*National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association,
Jan. 2012*

