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## C & L Electric offers Scholarship to ASU-Newport Lineman Program

Applications are available for individuals interested in pursuing a career as a high voltage lineworker. The successful candidate will be presented with a scholarship for tuition and books (valued at over \$8,000) to attend Arkansas State University-Newport’s High Voltage Lineman Technology program.

Applicants must live in the C & L Electric service area; score a 17 or higher on the ACT college entrance exam; and must be 18 years of age by November, prior to the Commercial Driver’s License portion of the program.

Fall semester enrollment period runs from August to November, and the spring semester enrollment period runs from January to May. A 10-week internship begins in May. On-campus housing is not available, and the selected applicant will need to supply equipment (hooks, tools and bags) at an estimated cost range of \$1,500 to \$3,000.

**Before applying for the scholarship**, contact Kenny Browning at (870) 512-7893 at ASU-Newport for a pre-entrance, pole-climbing exercise. Fill out the application, attach two letters of recommendation with a high school transcript, and submit to C & L Electric by 5 p.m. March 29.

Scholarship application can be found at [clelectric.com](http://clelectric.com). Submit application online or email it to [srobinson@clelectric.com](mailto:srobinson@clelectric.com). For further questions about the scholarship, call our office at (870) 628-4221, ext. 103. You can also call ASU-Newport at (800) 976-1676 or visit [asun.edu/programs/high-voltage](http://asun.edu/programs/high-voltage) for more information.

**This is a scholarship opportunity and does not guarantee or imply future employment with C & L Electric Cooperative.**

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## Charles “Duke” Hall Retires from C & L Electric



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Charles “Duke” Hall retired in January after working nearly 44 years at C & L Electric. Duke, the son of Dorthy and Otis Hall, grew up in Star City and graduated from Star City High School. After high school, Duke started working at C & L Electric, and when he retired in January, he held the position of Journeyman Lineman and was a crew chief. Duke trained many of the C & L linemen over the years, and C & L is better because of it. He leaves a legacy at C & L Electric by always showing up, working hard and leading by example.

Duke has two children, Kesha Hall and Cecilia Ladeji, and three grandchildren, August, Khalis and Charlie.

Duke attends Westside Missionary Baptist Church and is looking forward to taking trips and just enjoying life in his retirement.

The C & L employees and directors wish Duke many happy retirement years.

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- Applicants must be a junior in high school.
- Submit an essay of at least 250 words on **WHAT LEADERSHIP MEANS TO ME** by email or online.
- Mail essay to P.O. Box 9, Star City, AR 71667
- **Deadline: March 15.**

APPLY AT: [CLELECTRIC.COM](http://CLELECTRIC.COM)



For more information, contact  
Karen Rauls at (870)628-4221  
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## Prioritizing home energy savings

BY MITCH ROSS

As you might imagine, my profession in the energy-efficiency field gives me extra authority as I strive to do what any good stereotypical dad does — go around the house telling my family to “Turn off lights!” and “Leave the thermostat alone!” and “Shut the doors!” I use these dad-like refrains more often than I’d like to admit. Many of us grew up hearing these catchphrases and continue the tradition faithfully.

To waste less of my own hot air (see what I did there), I’ve learned to pick and choose my energy-efficiency battles at home. To me, the best way to choose worthy battles is to pick what things are going to have the largest overall impact on my home energy bill.

For the typical home, the largest expense by far is related to heating and cooling. As this is the largest expense, it makes sense to dwell on this, and find ways to reduce the energy used by your HVAC system. This could mean setting the thermostat higher in the summer and lower in the winter to reduce runtime, keeping doors and windows shut tightly and latched, reducing air leaks, increasing insulation and choosing and maintaining efficient HVAC equipment.

The second largest energy expense for most homes is hot water. There are a lot of good and easy ways to reduce this portion of your energy expenses.

Take shorter showers instead of baths. Install efficient shower heads (1 to 1.5 Gallons Per Minute or GPM) and faucet aerators (.5 to 1 GPM). Wash clothes with cold water, as most detergents don’t require hot water to clean well. Insulate hot water pipes with pipe wrap. Consider deactivating your circulation pump if you have one or, at the very least, put it on a timer to run just a few hours a day. Another easy fix is to turn the temperature on the

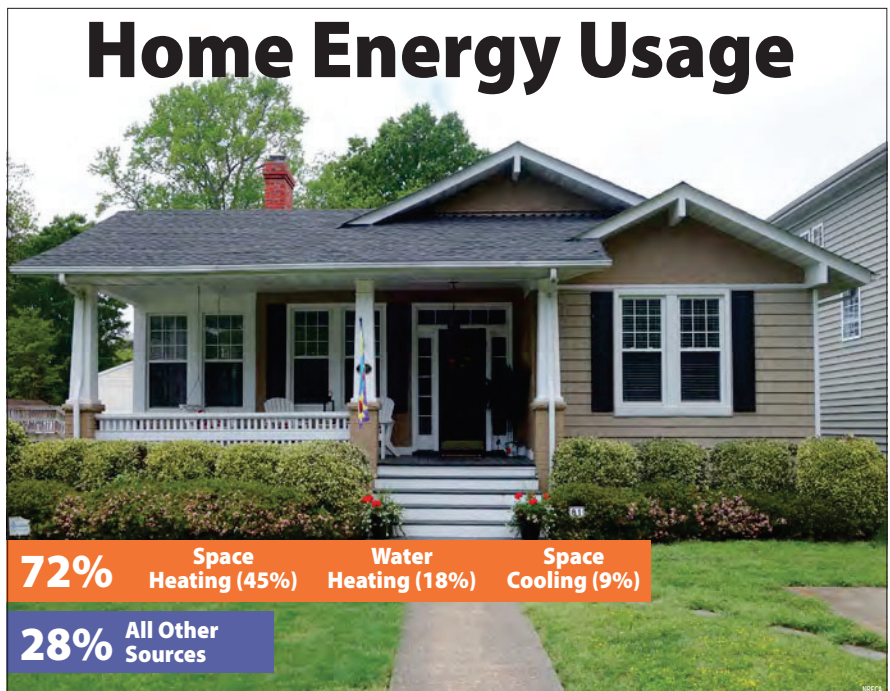
water heater down to about 120 degrees. If you need to replace a water heater, consider the most energy-efficient option — a heat pump water heater.

According to the Department of Energy, heating/cooling units and hot water heaters constitute 72% of energy used by the average U.S. home, so these have become my focus on reducing my own energy consumption, as well as my main points to cover with homeowners. The other 28% of your energy bill comes from a lot of categories with low overall impact, such as lighting, refrigeration, cooking and other plug loads.

While I still try my best to keep these impacts low, I now save my breath on these categories with my family, choosing instead to recruit them to help tackle the big energy spenders. It’s still an ongoing struggle, but we’ve been able to keep our energy expenses below average by focusing on reducing HVAC and hot water usage, as I believe your household will as well.

For more information, visit [energy.gov/energysaver/why-energy-efficiency-upgrades](https://energy.gov/energysaver/why-energy-efficiency-upgrades).

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