



Nueces Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

WHO POWERS YOU?

Inspired by a **NEC member** making a difference in our community? Tell their story and they could **win a prize.**

Visit NuecesElectric.org between August 23 - September 24 and tell us who inspires you, and how they make a difference in our community.

Winners will be recognized at our 2021 Annual Meeting and win up to \$750!



Grand Prize **\$750** | 2nd place: **\$500** 3rd place: **\$300** Honorable Mention: **\$150**

Together, let's celebrate the
POWER OF HUMAN CONNECTIONS!

We know our community is filled with unsung NEC heroes making a difference. Let's celebrate them in the 2021 **#WhoPowersYou Contest!**

Winners will be selected by a panel of judges based on the impact they have on our community. Your nominee must be an **active NEC member** to be eligible. All entries must be submitted by September 24 on the NEC website.

Visit nueceselectric.org for full contest rules

Please save the date for NEC's Annual Meeting on **October 14!** Stay tuned for more information to come in our Texas Co-op Power Magazine, website, and social media.



Cole Hobbs
Calallen High School Offensive Center



Matt Smith
NEC Journeyman Lineman

Meet The 2021 #Lineman2Lineman August Players

Being a lineman isn't easy, whether you're shutting down the run, or restoring power in the wake of a storm. At NEC, we salute all linemen, from the gridiron to the power pole. Now and until December, NEC will recognize one hard-working high school football lineman along with an NEC lineman. Here are the **August** recipients for NEC's 1st Annual #Lineman2Lineman Program:

Student: Cole Hobbs

School: Calallen High School

Grade: 12

Hometown: Calallen

Sports Played: Football

Years Playing: Approximately 10-12 including youth.

Football Position: Offensive Center

Notable Highlights: 3 year varsity starter at center, top 10% in his class, and holds several weightlifting records.

Quote From Nominator: Cole is a leader on the field but is an even better individual off the field. He sets the example for student-athletes and represents himself, his school, his church, and his community in the way that they deserve to be represented. He always gives 100%.

Lineman: Matt Smith

Hometown: Knoxville, TN

Sports Played: Football, Baseball, and Swimming

Favorite Sports Team: Tennessee Volunteers

Years Working As A Lineman: 12 Years

Best Thing About Being A NEC Lineman: It's very rewarding and gives me a better sense of pride helping others and bettering their lives with reliable electric service.

How Do You Support Your Team: By being available as much as possible when they need help with storms and passing my knowledge to the apprentices. I hope it advances their knowledge and helps them to become better linemen.

Quote From Supervisor: Matt Smith is experienced, knowledgeable, safety conscious, and thorough. He is an asset to the NEC Operations team. On a football team, the offensive lineman and defensive lineman are just like a lineman for NEC - the back bone of the team.

*For more information on NEC's #Lineman2Lineman Program, please visit our website at nuceselectric.org. If you wish to nominate your favorite high school football lineman, you have until **Wednesday, September 1st**.*