

# Minnesota Touchstone Energy® Cooperatives’ COMMUNITY AWARD

## 2023 APPLICATION



The Touchstone Energy® Community Award acknowledges the efforts of those who have impacted numerous people, addressed unmet community needs or provided necessary services. One winning organization will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and will then compete with winners from other Minnesota electric cooperatives for statewide recognition and an additional \$2,000 cash prize.

Any community group or non-profit in our service area is eligible to compete for the award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to our local communities. Organizations are eligible to apply for the award themselves, or community members may apply on behalf of a deserving organization.

### NAME AND ADDRESS OF BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION BEING NOMINATED:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSON OR ORGANIZATION MAKING THE NOMINATION:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**Return your application by October 31 to:**  
Beltrami Electric Cooperative, TSE Community Award,  
4111 Technology Dr. NW, PO Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619-0488.

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Responses to the following questions will be used to judge the entries. Please respond with specific examples. Attach additional pages, supporting documents, brochures and/or photographs as necessary.

#### 1. Describe the project, event or organization:

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#### 2. What has been the focus of this organization's efforts? (i.e. youth, community, economic development, environment, disaster relief)

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#### 3. How has the organization helped to build a stronger community? What specific goals have been achieved? How have programs/services been improved? What percentage of people within the co-op's service territory was impacted?

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**4. Who has benefited from the efforts of this organization?** *How many people have been impacted? Has the organization collaborated with others? Is the project/organization multi-community?*

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**5. How has the organization demonstrated outstanding leadership?** *Has the leadership inspired or trained others? What barriers or obstacles have been overcome to achieve goals? How have the people being served been involved in the programs or projects?*

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**6. How has the organization used resources wisely?** *What means have been used to pull in resources? Have any money-saving innovations been implemented? Any resources leveraged due to a combined effort?*

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**7. How long has this organization been a positive influence in the community?**

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**8. How have the organization's efforts been communicated to the public?** *What innovative ways have been used to publicize projects or programs to the audience? How has the organization been recognized by the community?*

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