



Frequently Asked Questions

What's the purpose of Operation Round Up®?

The purpose of Operation Round Up is to help meet the significant funding needs of our local schools.

How does the program work?

Participating members' monthly electric bills are rounded up to the next whole dollar. For example, a bill of \$63.47 is rounded up to \$64.00, with the extra 53 cents going into the Operation Round Up fund. While an individual member's donation will amount to pocket change each month, the program allows SVEC to collect an average of 50 cents (never more than 99 cents) for each participating account per month. Together, those donations add up.

What is done with the funds collected?

All money raised through Operation Round Up goes toward grants for equipment and supplies that benefit students in local classrooms. The grants are available to appropriately certified PK-12 teachers at accredited independent/private schools in SVEC's service territory, or at public schools in Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Suwannee County or Columbia County (Five Points and Pinemount elementary schools only).

Who decides where Operation Round Up funds go?

The [Operation Round Up® Board of Directors](#) screens applications from teachers and decides which grants to award. The board consists of nine directors, one appointed by each of SVEC's trustees. Each director brings their own experience in education and business to the board.

Decisions on funding are made collectively by the board, with the best interest of the community and its students in mind.

Am I required to participate in Operation Round Up?

While we hope all our members will want to take part in this program, participation in Operation Round Up is entirely voluntary. Members can opt out at any time by submitting the form at svecroundup.com, by emailing our Member Services Department at info@svec-coop.com or by calling 800-447-4509.

I have a prepay account and do not get a bill. How can I participate?

Beginning spring 2020, all residential members including those with prepay accounts, will be able to have recurring monthly donations applied to their account.

How can teachers apply for an Operation Round Up grant?

Applications for grants can be made online at svecroundup.com. Grants in the amount of \$100-\$500 are available to appropriately certified PK-12 teachers at accredited independent/private schools in SVEC's service territory, or at public schools in Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Suwannee County or Columbia County (Five Points, Pinemount and Westside elementary schools only).

Teachers are limited to 1 grant per semester.

Can teachers apply together for larger grants?

Teachers from the same school may apply together for a single combined grant. For example, three teachers may apply for a grant of up to \$1,500 (3 x \$500).

Who owns the items purchased with grant money?

All items purchased using Operation Round Up grants are the property of the grant recipient's school district.