

High Country Home Energy Makeover Contest

Win \$4,000 in Home Upgrades!

Appalachian Voices is awarding one lucky family \$4,000 worth of energy efficiency improvements! Five finalists will be selected to receive free home energy audits, and one of those families will be chosen as the grand prize winner. Selections will be made based on financial need and potential health and cost savings from the energy upgrades, as well as Appalachian Voices' discretion.

To enter the contest, please fill out and submit the completed application and required materials to the physical address or email listed below. **The deadline for submitting applications is April 24, 2018.**

To be eligible for the makeover you must:

1. Receive electricity from Blue Ridge Energy
2. Agree to have your name and pictures of your house used on social media, online, and in print
3. Attend up to two events in June/July 2018 to speak about your experience to small groups
4. Be unable to afford the cost of home energy improvements due to limited disposable income
5. Allow Appalachian Voices to review your next 12 energy bills after improvements are made to track decreases in energy use.

If you have any questions, call (828) 262-1500 or email Rebecca Bauer at becca@appvoices.org.

Thank you, and we look forward to reviewing your application!

Required materials

As part of the application **you are required to submit copies of your monthly electricity bills, and if applicable, gas bills for the last 12 months (January 2017 through January 2018).** Please black out your account number.

Submit the billing statements in any one of the following ways:

1. Print/copy each statement and mail or hand-deliver all statements to:

Appalachian Voices
Attn: Energy Contest
589 W. King Street
Boone, NC 28607

2. Email a PDF copy of the statements to becca@appvoices.org; or,
3. Call Blue Ridge Energy and ask them to fax the last 12 months of your energy use and total bill to (828) 262-1540. We will still need copies of, or information from any non-electric heating and fuel bills you pay.



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Personal information

1. *Full Name*

(First Name) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

2. *Physical home address*

(Street address) (City, State, Zip Code)

3. *Mailing address (if different than street address)*

(P.O. Box or otherwise) (City, State, Zip Code)

4. *Email address (if you have one)*

5. *Phone number(s)*

(home/cell/work)

House information

1. Do you own or rent your home? *If you own your home, you will be required to provide proof of ownership once selected as a finalist. If you are a renter, you must have lived in the home for at least one year, and the property owner must approve the upgrades and provide proof of ownership, subject to Appalachian Voices' approval.*

___ Own

___ Rent

Years rented: _____

2. When was your home built? *We can only accept applications for stick-built, single-family homes. **Due to funding and capacity limitations we cannot accept mobile homes, apartments, or condos.***

Year built: _____

3. Square feet (living space): _____

4. Number of floors: _____

5. Number of rooms: _____

6. Number and ages of persons living in the house permanently:

Person 1, age: _____

Person 2, age: _____

Person 3, age: _____

Person 4, age: _____

Person 5, age: _____

Person 6, age: _____

Person 7, age: _____

Person 8, age: _____

7. Type of foundation:

Basement

Crawl space

Flat slab

Raised

Other (please explain) _____

Heating/Cooling and Appliances

1. Primary heat source:

Electric baseboard

Electric heat pump/HVAC

Gas heat pump/HVAC

Ductless/Mini-Split heat pump

Monitor

Wood stove

Portable heater

Other (please explain) _____

2. Secondary heat source:

Electric baseboard

Electric heat pump/HVAC

Gas heat pump/HVAC

Ductless/Mini-Split heat pump

Monitor

Wood stove

Portable heater

Other (please explain) _____

3. If you purchase gas for home heating purposes, who is your gas provider?

Blue Ridge Energy

Piedmont Natural Gas

Other (please explain) _____

4. Type of hot water heater:

- Gas
- Electric
- Other (please explain) _____

5. Do you have central air conditioning?

- Yes
- No

Income and Energy Use

1. Monthly income of all permanent residents in 2017. *If you are selected as a semifinalist, you will be required to provide proof of income for each household member.*

- Person 1, monthly income: _____
- Person 2, monthly income: _____
- Person 3, monthly income: _____
- Person 4, monthly income: _____
- Person 5, monthly income: _____
- Person 6, monthly income: _____
- Person 7, monthly income: _____
- Person 8, monthly income: _____

Other information

Tell us your story in 2-3 paragraphs. Why are you entering this contest? The paragraph(s) can explain your personal circumstances as they relate to your home and your energy bills, why you need energy upgrades and improvements, what has been preventing you from paying for the upgrades yourself, any difficulties with paying for your electricity bills in the winter and/or summer, any information on times when your electricity was shut off for non-payment of your bill, etc. Feel free to attach photos that illustrate your story or the state of your home (not required).

