

SIERRA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Sierra Electric Education Foundation Awards Scholarships to Local Students

The Sierra Electric Education Foundation is proud to introduce the eleven recipients that were awarded scholarships for the school year 2011-2012. This foundation provides scholarships to area high school students who are members of the cooperative and are planning to attend college in New Mexico. The foundation was established by the Board of Trustees in 1990, subsequent to the adoption by the membership of Section 9.04 "Charitable Assignment of Patronage Capital" to the bylaws. Unclaimed patronage capital checks, assignment of future patronage retirements or direct tax deductible donations may be made to the foundation. These funds are then invested with the earnings utilized for the scholarship awards.

In 2010, the Board of Trustees implemented the "Operation Round Up® Program. Operation Round Up® allows Sierra Electric to "round up" the electric bill of participating members to the next highest dollar. The "Round Up" funds are then invested with the earnings utilized for the scholarship awards. Please call the office if you are interested in participating in this Program. Participation in Operation Round Up is strictly voluntary and is just what the name implies.

Sierra's wholesale power supplier, Tri-State G & T, and Basin Electric Cooperative contributed \$2,000 of the \$10,000 that was awarded to the eleven recipients. We certainly appreciate Tri-State's and Basin Electric's willingness to be involved with our area students.

Recipients of the Sierra Electric Education Foundation scholarships can re-apply for subsequent years as long as they meet the eligibility requirements.

Dalton Chavez is a 2011 graduate from Hot Spring High School. He is the son of Adam and Candi Chavez from Caballo, New Mexico. Dalton plans on attending Dona Ana Community College and will be majoring in welding with a minor in business. Eventually he would like to open up his own welding shop.

Kyle Danley is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. He is the son of the Stacy Bason from Hillsboro, New Mexico. Kyle will be attending New Mexico State University and majoring in Fire Science. He has volunteered for the fire department and EMT services, which is why choosing a major was easy for Kyle.

Tucker Ham is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. Tucker is the son of Alan and Jennifer Ham from Williamsburg, New Mexico. He has been accepted into Dona Ana Community

College and will be majoring in welding. Since he was in the 7th grade he knew he wanted to become a welder.

Mariah Lanford is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. She is the daughter of Michael Lanford and Fonta Reilly from TorC, New Mexico. Mariah has volunteered at local day cares centers and group homes, which is why she plans on becoming an elementary teacher. She will be attending New Mexico State University in the fall.

Sarah Mays is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. She is the daughter of Nick and Deb Pannella, from TorC, New Mexico. She will be attending New Mexico State University and majoring in Family and Marriage Counseling. She also plans on getting a minor in education. Classes Sarah took during high school influenced her to choose the degree she wants to pursue.

Tessa McCalip is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. She is the daughter of Jerry and Vonnie McCalip, from Williamsburg, New Mexico. Her dream is to attend Dona Ana Community College and get her degree in nursing. Tessa has taken classes and volunteered in the community, which has given her more direction towards her career in nursing.

Micah Root is a 2011 graduate from Manzano Christian School. She is the daughter of Michael and Mary Root of Cuchillo, New Mexico. She plans on getting her degree in business and a minor in music from New Mexico State University. Micah has set a goal for herself not only to receive a Masters in international business but also a PhD in business.

Harding Schwab is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. He is the son of Louis and Esther Schwab, from Placitas, New Mexico. Harding is going to attend CNM in Albuquerque and major in diesel mechanics with a minor in welding. He feels a sense of accomplishment when he is done fixing a vehicle, which is why is really looking forward to becoming a diesel mechanic.

Ila Thompson is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. She is the daughter of Clyde and Violet Thompson Jr, from Williamsburg, New Mexico. She is planning to attend the Academy of Art University and majoring in photographing. She has taken many different classes during high school but found her passion in art photographs.

Felicia Torres is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. She is the daughter of Travis and Sharon Luna, from Winston, New Mexico. Felicia is going to attend New Mexico State University and study to become a psychologist. Taking psychology and sociology classes in high school has helped her make the decision of pursuing her chosen degree.

Jennifer Valdez is a 2011 graduate from Hot Springs High School. She is the daughter of Eloy and Nellie Valdez, from Elephant Butte, New Mexico. Her plan is to attend a university in New Mexico and get her degree in education. She would also like a minor in psychology. Jennifer's sister has had the biggest role in her continuing her education.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR
EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS.**