

COLUMBUS CURRENTS

CEC Awards 30 Scholarships

Among electric cooperatives there is a time-honored tradition of giving. From the dawn of the electric cooperative movement it was all about neighbors helping neighbors.



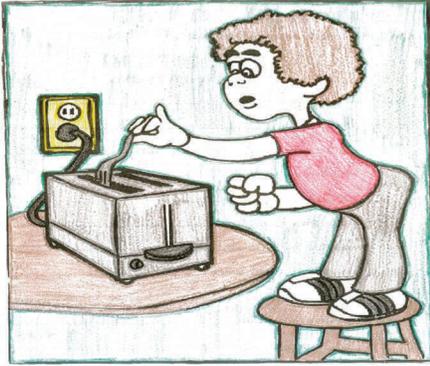
In keeping with this tradition, the Board of Trustees at their March meeting awarded 30 scholarships to the following recipients: Tiana Gibson, Jade Massey, Sianya Salazar, Alyssa Magana, Haley Bender, Logan Klump, Rayce Wagley, Oscar Urrea, Shannon Choate, Allen Orosco, Xena Orozco, Lacey Marsh, Dashiel Krick, Abigail Cushman, Rybecca Webster, Lindsey Massey, Ty Wagley, Brenda Elias, Joshlyn Eddy, Ryan Shultis, Luis Moreno, Brandon Hoffman, William Swift, Brittney Laborin, Adriana Rios, Betsy Maciel, Jorge Madrid, Tierney Washburn, Arwen Kvamme and Jose Felipe Salazar. Two scholarships are funded by our power supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association and one scholarship is funded by NM Rural Electric Material Suppliers Group. Scholarships are \$500 per semester per student. Congratulations to the Scholarship recipients and to the graduating class of 2019.

Scholarship applicants must be either an active member or of the immediate family of an active member pursuing higher education at a four-year college or university or community college or vocational/technical school. Scholarships are available to graduating high school students as well as non-traditional students.

Scholarships are funded through escheat monies. These are unclaimed capital credits or deposits that prior to the establishment of the fund were turned over to the respective states. Members who assist in funding the "Operation Round Up" program have their electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar each month and those monies are deposited into the Scholarship Fund. Call the Co-op office to join in this effort.

Two of our core principles are put into action through the scholarship program: Education, Training and Information, and Concern for Community. Giving educational opportunities to members of the communities we serve helps families who might otherwise struggle to pay for their education. Giving more people the opportunity to take advantage of higher education strengthens the fabric of our local communities. For Columbus Electric that's a win-win situation. We realize that the health of the cooperative is inextricably tied to the well-being of the community. So grows the community, so grows the cooperative.

CEC 2019 Color Contest Winners



Electrical Safety



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CEC would like to thank and congratulate all our students from across the service area in this year's Safety Poster Coloring Contest.

The theme this year was "Never stick anything into an electrical appliance that doesn't belong!"

The Coloring Contest Winners are

Overall Winner: Alma Cardoza

Deming:

3rd Place: Analise Porras

2nd Place: Jacely Amaya

1st Place: Alonso Ibarra

Animas:

3rd Place: Fernando Sanchez

2nd Place: Bethany Mikow

1st Place: Natalie Moore

Annual Meeting \$50 Joke Contest Winner

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is \$50, and \$50 is \$50."

"One year, Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Esther replied, "Morris, that helicopter ride is \$50 and \$50 is \$50."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. Ill take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word, then it's \$50."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, \$50 is \$50!"

- Mark Gnagy, CEC Member

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