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2017 Scholarship Recipients

The Sierra Electric Cooperative Education Foundation was formed in 1990 by the board of trustees to benefit our members in our community. The Education Foundation is funded by unclaimed patronage capital credits, Operation Round Up participation and private donations. The first scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$250 in 1991.

Sierra Electric is proud to announce the Education Foundation is awarding 14 scholarships in the amount of \$1,200 for the 2017-2018 college semesters to the following students:

**Robert Aragon
Dylan Carrillo
Jarad Garay
David Gurule
Christian Hopkins
William Kade Hopkins
Ryan Johnson**



**Dakota Cano-Linson
August Marie McCalmon
Abigail Marie Rieth
Marissa Short
Wesley Smith
Brianna Sullivan
Chas Sullivan**

In addition to the Education Foundation scholarships, Sierra Electric receives a \$1,000 scholarship from the Basin Electric Power Cooperative and two \$500 scholarships from Tri-State G & T. The Basin scholarship was awarded to Callie Jo Swaim and the Tri-State scholarships was awarded to James Ryan Stevenson and Kaitlin Fancher.

Since 1990, Sierra Electric and its partners have awarded \$117,800 in scholarship awards. We are proud to be able to help support the higher education goals of the cooperative's members and members' dependents; and wish all the recipients, graduates and college students the best of luck in their future careers!

Efficiency Tips for Outdoor Shops and Barns

- Location matters. If possible, carefully consider where you build your shop or barn. Consider drainage, sun exposure and how the building may affect your neighbors.
- Start with a sustainable design plan. A sustainable design plan, according to the U.S. General Services Administration, includes the ability to use environmentally preferable products; protect and conserve water; enhance indoor environmental quality; and optimize operational and maintenance practices.
- If you are hiring a contractor to help build your structure, make sure you look for companies who specialize in "green" buildings and energy efficient practices.
- Choose efficient building methods. Pole barns offer reliable shelter without costly excavation, concrete foundations or general site disruption.
- Replace indoor lighting with energy efficient LED bulbs.
- Choose outdoor lighting designed to be energy efficient, and install motion detectors to reduce energy consumption when not in use.
- Plant trees around your metal shed or barn. In colder climates, trees act as a windbreak, and in warmer climates, trees have a natural cooling effect that can reduce temperatures in your metal building 3 to 6 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Consider adding a ceiling fan to circulate air. Typically, there is a 2 degree Fahrenheit temperature increase for every one-foot increase in ceiling height. A ceiling fan can help keep warm air close to the ground in the winter, and circulate fresher, cooler air in the summer. Not only will this help with energy costs, it will also help keep the air in the building from becoming hot and stagnant.

Contact the energy experts at Sierra Electric for more information.

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The board of trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the cooperative boardroom.



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