

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Member Newsletter

January 2026

This Month's Topics:

- **SEC Announces Scholarships**
- **Youth Tour Reminder**
- **SEC Closure**
- **Welcome New Employees**
- **Happy New Year**

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The Board of Trustees meets the third Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Cooperative boardroom.

Sierra Electric Coop. Announces 2026-2027 Scholarships

Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SEC) is excited to announce the start of the 2026-2027 Scholarship Award season! The deadline for scholarship applications is **April 6, 2026**.

Founded in 1990 by the SEC Board of Trustees, the SEC Education Foundation has awarded over \$357,400 in scholarship funds to students attending accredited New Mexico colleges and trade schools on a full-time basis.



Who is Eligible? Eligible students include:

- An active member of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Immediate family of an active member of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Immediate family of an employee of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- A person who resides in the service area of Sierra Electric Cooperative, Inc. and utilizes the electric power service provided by the Cooperative.

For more information, please contact **Luz Gonzales** at luzg@secpower.com or visit our website at sierraelectric.org.

Youth Tour Contest - Apply by January 12, 2025!

Don't miss out on an incredible opportunity! The **Youth Tour Contest** applications are due **Monday, January 12, 2026**. This is a fantastic chance for local students to gain a unique experience, and we encourage all eligible youth to apply. Be sure to submit your application before the deadline! For more information or to apply, please contact us at Sierra Electric Cooperative. Let's make this year's Youth Tour unforgettable!



Office Closures

February 16, 2026
Presidents Day

Welcome to the Sierra Electric Team

We are pleased to announce that Minh Dang has recently joined Sierra Electric as our new Field Tech / Purchasing / Facilities team member.

Minh was born in Vietnam and immigrated to the United States at the age of 10. He lived in California for about 20 years and has a passion for traveling, learning how things work, and meeting new people. During the pandemic, he began exploring the interior of the U.S. and discovered a love for the quiet and peacefulness of open country.

Minh attended the Lineworkers Program at Doña Ana Community College, and one of his favorite parts of working at Sierra Electric is the opportunity to learn new things every day. He says he is most proud of the co-workers throughout his career who have become like family and close friends.



Fun Fact: Minh can see exceptionally well in the dark! Please join us in welcoming Minh to the Sierra Electric team!

Welcome to the Sierra Electric Team

We are pleased to announce that Sergio Pedregon has recently joined Sierra Electric as our new Staking Engineer/ AMI Technician.

Sergio was born in Texas, grew up in New Mexico, and graduated from Hatch Valley High School. He loves southern New Mexico his family's home for generations – with strong roots in farming, fishing, and hunting. To Sergio, this region is truly home.

Sergio's favorite part of working at Sierra Electric Cooperative is serving the community, especially helping bring electric power to new homes and projects. What he is most proud of in his career so far is being part of a knowledgeable and supportive team that has guided him step by step, teaching him so much along the way. He says Sierra Electric is a great place to work, and he is grateful for this career opportunity.

Fun Fact About Sergio: He is a husband, father, and coach who is always learning and enjoys teaching others what he's learned. Sergio loves the outdoors, traveling, and trying foods from all over the USA during family trips. Sergio, welcome to the Sierra Electric team!



Happy New Year!! Wishing you Joy, Success, And Happiness In 2026!



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