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SANGRE DE CRISTO ELECTRIC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Sangre de Cristo Electric Association is offering a number of scholarship opportunities to dependents of its members in 2012.

One four-year scholarship at \$1,000 per year and eleven \$1,000 one-time scholarships will be funded by Sangre de Cristo Electric's unclaimed capital credits. The Sangre de Cristo Electric board has decreed that they will give preference to one of the \$1,000 scholarships for any student attending lineman's school, noting the industry's need for new lineman in the near future. The cooperative's bylaws require unclaimed capital credits be held three years. The board of directors then decides how the unclaimed capital credits will be used. This year, they have once again chosen to use some of the money to fund scholarships.

Additional scholarships may be available through Sangre de Cristo Electric's affiliates.

With the exception of the four-year scholarship that is reserved for graduating high school seniors, recipients of the scholarships may be at any level in their college education. The scholarships may be used for any full-time graduate or undergraduate course of study at any accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. Using grade point average, ACT/SAT test scores, activities, goals, and need as criteria, a committee of Sangre de Cristo Electric directors and employees will select the recipients of the four-year scholarship, nine of the \$1,000 scholarships, and any affiliate scholarships. The winner of the remaining two \$1,000 scholarships will be selected by random drawing from the pool of applicants not otherwise selected by the committee for a scholarship.

The deadline for applying for any of these scholarships is 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3, 2012. Interested persons may contact high school counselors or Tracy at Sangre de Cristo Electric headquarters in Buena Vista at (719) 395-4136 or (800) 933-3823 or linza@myelectric.coop. You can also download applications directly from our website at www.myelectric.coop.
