

San Isabel Electric Offers Two Youth Opportunities

Every year, San Isabel Electric sends up to three young members on week-long, all-expenses-paid leadership trips to Washington, D.C., and a resort near Steamboat Springs to teach them the tools to better our communities.

“Politics are real and human when our young San Isabel members realize they have the power to shape our future, because they do have the same opportunities to have a conversation with their congressman as they do with their co-op’s leadership,” San Isabel Electric General Manager Reg Rudolph said.

At Leadership Camp and Youth Tour, participants learn how easy it is to engage in the law- and policy-making process, in

Washington, at the state level, at the local level — even at their co-op.

We also teach them about the seven cooperative principles all co-ops are founded on. Perhaps the most important cooperative principle they learn about is democratic owner control. All electric co-ops are led by local members who can understand and listen to the community. Leadership Camp and Youth Tour participants discover they can take advantage of the same opportunities to shape the future of America, in the same way they can shape the future of their electric co-op.

Any high school junior whose family buys power from San Isabel Electric is

eligible to apply.

To apply for either opportunity, applicants need to fill out the application located on San Isabel Electric’s website, siea.com/youthleadership, and create a no-longer-than five-minute video telling a children’s story of what happens when you flip the light switch on.

Applications will be judged on knowledge, creativity and accuracy of information. The applicants selected for each opportunity will be announced no later than January 25, 2020. The application deadline for both opportunities is midnight, New Year’s Eve.



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San Isabel Electric to Award \$32,000 in Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for scholarship funding from the San Isabel Electric Board of Directors. Online applications and eligibility information are available at siesa.com/scholarships. Applications for the following scholarships are due February 28, 2020:

One \$5,000 Powered-Up Scholarship and 22 \$1,000 San Isabel Electric Scholarships

Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend accredited colleges and universities. Two students from each of the 11 high schools in the San Isabel Electric service territory will be selected to receive a \$1,000 San Isabel Electric scholarship. The 22 recipients of the San Isabel Electric Scholarship will have the opportunity to compete for one \$5,000 Powered-Up Scholarship. The Powered-Up Scholarship is only available to recipients of the San Isabel Electric Scholarship and the recipient must also meet additional requirements to be eligible. San Isabel Electric will donate \$500 to the high school attended by the recipient of the Powered-Up Scholarship.

Two \$1,000 At-large Scholarships

Applicants do not have to attend a high school in San Isabel Electric's service territory, but they must reside in the state of Colorado to be eligible. Applicants must be high school seniors planning to attend accredited colleges and universities.

Two \$1,000 Vocational Scholarships

Applicants must be planning to attend an occupational training program of two years or less at an accredited vocational school, technical school, community college or junior college and be classified as a full-time student.

One \$1,000 Continuing Education Scholarship

Applicants must have completed high school for a minimum of two years and must be planning to attend an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school, community college or junior college. The applicant must also be a current member-owner of San Isabel Electric.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative, one of San Isabel Electric's power suppliers, will also award one \$1,000 scholarship to a San Isabel Electric member-owner or member-owner dependent. The application deadline for the Basin Electric scholarship is February 14, 2020. The scholarship application, requirements and deadline are available at siesa.com/scholarships.

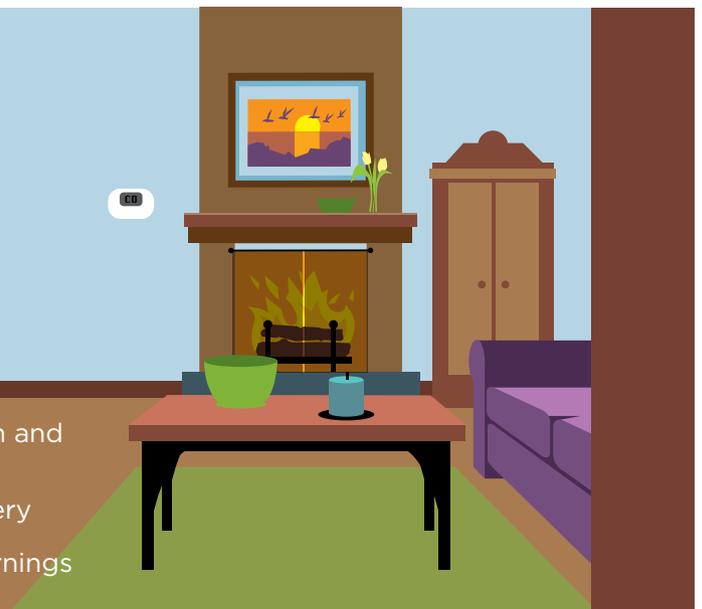
All the scholarship opportunities require the applicant or the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to be a current San Isabel Electric member-owner.

San Isabel Electric has been awarding scholarships since 2000.

FIREPLACE SAFETY TIPS

Every year, nearly 20,000 residential fires are linked to fireplaces. The Consumer Product Safety Commission offers these tips to help you keep your family safe:

1. Consider scheduling a fireplace inspection and cleaning by a certified professional.
2. Install a carbon monoxide detector on every floor of your home. These devices offer low-cost protection and provide early warnings of potential problems.
3. Keep flues, dampers, firestops, flashing and chimney caps in good condition.
4. If you have small children and/or pets, consider a secondary screen. A glass screen can reach temperatures of 500 degrees Fahrenheit, so an extra barrier can protect them from serious burns.



BEHIND THE DESK

Featuring SIEA's Dispatch Manager

From making sure your bill is paid to working on the lines, the San Isabel Electric team is working carefully and efficiently for its members. Behind the desk, Candace Alfonso, a dispatch manager with San Isabel Electric, ensures member-owners know they have friends in high and low places.

Who is Candace Alfonso?

Alfonso is a mother of two girls, ages 7 and 10, a wife of 12-and-a-half years, an ultimate CrossFit athlete and the main hub of communication at San Isabel Electric.

Alfonso is always looking out for everybody around her — at home and in the workplace. Before she was the dispatch manager, she worked as a member service representative for San Isabel Electric for nine years. In 2018, she became the dispatch manager. Alfonso enjoys being the dispatch manager and keeping the lineworkers in check.

What does a day's work look like?

To make sure outages and crew needs are taken care of as soon as possible, Alfonso takes her radio with her wherever she goes. The lineworkers let her know where their jobs are, who will be there and if there will be any meters out. Alfonso makes sure the lineworkers are called out to outages in a timely manner, tracks where an outage is coming from, helps lineworkers determine the safest and fastest way into areas to combat outages and provides crews with information they need to get their daily jobs completed.

5-year plan

To help reduce the length of outages, Alfonso and the San Isabel Electric team are working on a plan to use a computer system for gathering and analyzing real-time data from the utility's electric grid. The project will be implemented in phases, starting in Pueblo West this winter on a trial basis. Once up and running, the team will be able to isolate issues to fewer member-owners at one time, shortening the length of outages for some. With this new system, there may be times when there will be no need to send lineworkers and an outage can be restored remotely, once the technology infrastructure is in place.



▲ Candace Alfonso

What makes the job worth it?

The team is what makes the job worth it. Without the line superintendent, member service representatives, meter shop, system engineer and many others, Alfonso couldn't do her job of taking care of San Isabel Electric member-owners and ensuring the safety of lineworkers.

Whether it's out in the field or behind a desk, San Isabel Electric's goal is always to put member-owners first.

