

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP

BY REG RUDOLPH GENERAL MANAGER

As we all deal with the new realities brought on by the novel coronavirus, I want to assure you that your local electric cooperative is here to help you. We have always had an emergency plan that has served us well in a variety of circumstances, from ice storms to tornadoes to flash floods. Early in this crisis, our staff updated that plan with a special emphasis on ensuring we can continue to provide the reliable electric service you have come to expect from your electric cooperative.

So far, that is exactly what has happened. We know that after a sufficient supply of food and water, electricity is the number one thing you need to maintain some sense of normalcy as we hunker down in our homes. With that in mind, keeping the power flowing is job number one for everyone involved in maintaining the electric cooperative system.

That starts with our generation cooperative, Tri-State Generation & Transmission, which has taken extreme measures to ensure its workforce is healthy and its power plants are functioning as needed. It extends to the 22 cooperatives that wheel that electricity across Colorado, and it includes San Isabel Electric where business may be a bit unusual, but our service remains the same.

We thought you might want to know some of the steps we have taken in order to keep your power flowing. We've closed our lobbies to prevent the spread of germs. Instead, we are encouraging members to use our drop box, SmartHub and phone payment options and the good old U.S. Postal Service to pay bills.

Many of our employees are working from home. We've divided departments into shifts so that they can practice social distancing even when in the office. If you call, the phones will be answered as always.

We have separated our line crews from other employees and even from each other to limit possible spread of the virus. Trucks are being relocated so that lineworkers can head to the job site without coming to the office. New routines are in place for contractors working on our system in order to keep them away from employees. Deliveries are being quarantined.



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Our management team and board are meeting constantly to fine-tune this plan. We are in constant contact with the other electric cooperatives in Colorado and with the Colorado Rural Electric Association, which in turn is working closely with our national association, the state legislature, Gov. Jared Polis and the emergency management agencies of the seven counties we serve.

So far, it is working well and everyone has adapted to the new norm. That's because we've done this before. Nothing brings out the best in our employees better than a crisis situation. It's kind of like metal that has been tested in fire ... stronger and more beautiful.

Our focus here is on doing our part to keep your life as normal as possible through this situation and beyond. The cooperative way of doing business has brought us this far, and the cooperative way will help us through this crisis.

All the best to everyone. Stay healthy, stay home and we will get through this together the cooperative way.

## Becoming a Director

The Nominating Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at the San Isabel Electric Association headquarters, 781 E. Industrial Blvd., Pueblo West, CO 81007. Nominations by petition must be submitted through the online Direct Nominations platform no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Directors Districts up for election are District 1: Beulah, Wetmore, & Vicinity and District 6: La Veta, Cuchara, & Vicinity.

The following is an excerpt from the bylaws regarding nominations for the board of directors:

Article III, Directors, Section 4, Nominations: It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than 70 days nor more than 90 days before the date of a meeting of the Members at which Directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than five nor more than 11 Members who shall be selected so as to give equitable representation on the committee to the geographical areas served by the Association. No Officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be appointed a member of such committee. The committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Association at least 60 days before the meeting, a list of nominations for Directors, but any 15 or more Members may make other nominations in writing over their signatures, duly acknowledged, not less than 45 days prior to the meeting and the Secretary shall post the same at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted and add said names to the ballot. At least one Member of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed from each district from which a Board Director is to be elected.

## ANNUAL MEETING



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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

# Scholarships 2020

In its 30th year of awarding scholarships, San Isabel Electric awarded \$33,000 in total scholarship funding to 27 young electric cooperative members in southern Colorado.

"Congratulations to each student for the accomplishments you have worked hard to achieve. Congratulations also to the families and teachers for your love, dedication, and guidance. It is with great pleasure that we honor these outstanding individuals with a San Isabel Electric Scholarship," San Isabel Electric Board of Directors President Jacque Sikes said.

The San Isabel Electric Board of Directors scored each application based on each applicant's resume, cover letter, letters of recommendation, a 300-word essay, as well as the format, grammar and punctuation of the overall application.

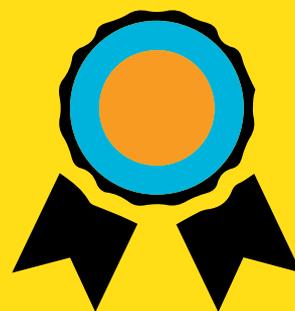
Eligibility requirements varied based on each scholarship opportunity, but all of the scholarships require the student to have a parent or legal guardian that is a San Isabel Electric member.

Scholarship funding comes from unclaimed capital credits, money that the electric co-op tried to return to member-owners but went unclaimed.

San Isabel Electric has been awarding scholarships since 1990. In 2019, San Isabel Electric awarded a total of 24 scholarships totaling \$33,000. In 2018, San Isabel Electric awarded a total of 22 scholarships totaling \$33,000.

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## THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF STUDENTS AND THE SCHOLARSHIPS THEY WERE AWARDED:

**\$5,000 Powered-Up Scholarship:**

*Cenon Caramanzana, Pueblo West High School*

**\$3,000 Powered-up Runner-up Scholarship:**

*Colby Klevin, Pueblo West High School*

*Molly Wolyn, Rye High School*

**\$1,000 San Isabel Electric Scholarship:**

*Ingrid Hofmeister, Branson School*

*Nicholas Navarette, Hoehne High School*

*Tatum Rivera, Hoehne High School*

*Joshua Waller, Hoehne High School*

*Bryanna Ortiz, John Mall High School*

*Desirae Ortivez, La Veta Jr./Sr. High School*

*Nya Sciacca, La Veta Jr./Sr. High School*

*Andrew Lutz, Primero Junior/Senior High School*

*Molly McGraw, Pueblo West High School*

*Rebekah Moats, Rye High School*

**\$1,000 San Isabel Electric Scholarship (cont.):**

*Antonio Arant, Trinidad High School*

*Ricardo Felthager, Trinidad High School*

*Julia Holden, Trinidad High School*

**\$500 San Isabel Electric scholarship:**

*Angalie Lujan, Hoehne High School*

*Kaiya Swenson, La Veta Jr./Sr. High School*

*Anna Montalbano, La Veta Jr./Sr. High School*

*Emily Peterson, Rye High School*

**\$1,000 Vocational Scholarship:**

*Samantha Coca, Aguilar High School*

*Jaycee LaGow, La Veta Jr./Sr. High School*

*Abigail Bennett, Rye High School*

**\$1,000 At-large Scholarship:**

*Emily Schmid, Goal Academy High School*

*Melina Faris, Pueblo County High School*

**CENON CARAMANZANA  
POWERED-UP  
SCHOLARSHIP**

*My name is Cenon Caramanzana and I will be graduating with the class of 2020 from Pueblo West High School. I am humbled to announce that I will attend Columbia University in the City of New York: Columbia College to embark on my post-secondary education. I plan to earn a degree in political science with a concentration in law, culture, and society. Additionally, I hope to fulfill a double minor in Spanish and theatre.*



**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS?**

*Although I cannot be certain about my future, I know one thing that I will continue to do: serve and give back to the community. In 10 years, I see myself as an individual who has had a sincere impact in the lives of others through my dedication to serving in the world of politics. I either hope to be working for a news organization where I can continue writing, interning in a legislator's office to gain first-hand experience, or even continuing to build up my non-profit organization to extend my outreach.*



**WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE CLASSES?**

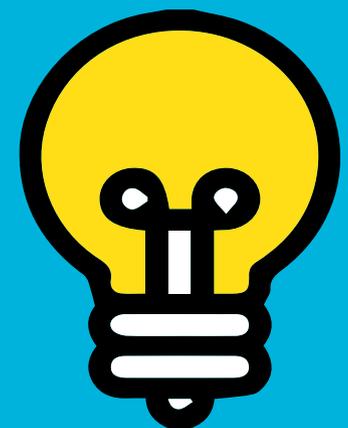
*As I have grown older, I have continued to find the myriad correlations between scientific inquiry and historical investigation. My passions have grown while sitting in the traditional classroom setting, but have transcended the boundaries of a standard public education to allow me to explore the worldly impact derived from some of my favorite classes: biology, world history, and United States government and politics.*

**WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS?**

*I would like to become a professional government speech writer combining my passions for public speaking, interest in political affairs, and love of history-related discussion. Specifically, I dream of writing a president's inaugural address - one that will be remembered by generations of families, teachers, and students and that may ultimately be quoted in history textbooks for years. Columbia University will open the doors for me to begin this journey.*

**HOW WILL THIS SCHOLARSHIP HELP YOU REACH YOUR CAREER GOALS?**

*A career relies heavily on an individual's passion to develop advanced aspirations, to meet new people, and to give back in the long term. This scholarship is a source of economic aid to education, but also an essential motivation to continue my education as the first stepping stone for my career. It allows me to reallocate funds and apply them to an additional goal of mine: to start a non-profit organization.*





# **MOW ELECTRIC GET A REBATE UP TO \$125**

**Get a rebate for 25%, or up to \$125, of the purchase cost of an electric mower or snowblower, and 25%, or up to \$75, of the purchase cost of an electric trimmer.**

**Outdoor power equipment rebates are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

**Full details at:  
[SIEA.COM/REBATES](http://SIEA.COM/REBATES)**

