



*Your monthly report from Your Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.*

*A beautiful sunrise provides a scenic backdrop for the electric service to a single SEC Member. Photo credit: Josh Dirmeyer*

## **Socorro Electric Foundation Scholarship Program Accepting Applications Ten (10) \$8,000 Scholarships to be Awarded for 2022-23 School Year**

For many years, the funds provided by the SEC Electric Foundation have been indispensable in assisting high school graduates from our service area pursue their dreams of higher education. We are pleased to announce that this benefit, only eligible to SEC Members, is still going strong!



**SEC Foundation**  
Giving our youth the power and support to achieve their educational dreams.

The scholarship program provides awards for \$1,000 per semester which are renewable up to 8 semesters, for a total potential award of **\$8,000!** To renew the scholarship for each subsequent semester, the recipients will need to maintain a 2.50 cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale) and be enrolled as a full-time student each semester.



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The scholarship funds are not an operating expense of Socorro Electric, as the funds come from unclaimed patronage capital refunds from prior years. Many times our Members leave our service area before receiving these refunds and we are unable to locate them. We attempt to reach these Members for 3 years, after this time, any unclaimed funds are deposited into the SEC Foundation.

Further details about the scholarship program and an application form can be found on our website at [www.socorroelectric.com](http://www.socorroelectric.com). Scholarship applications can also be obtained from your local high school counselor or at the SEC offices at 215 East Manzanaras in Socorro.

***Did you know...?  
the SEC Foundation paid out \$70,000  
in scholarships to 40 students in 2021!***



## Spotlight on TEAM SEC - Meet our Staff, Your Neighbor

Drew Bentley, Apprentice Lineman, joined SEC in June 2021 upon his completion of the Line Technician program at Trinidad State College in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Drew already had the required CDL license from his earlier experience as a commercial truck driver.

A native of New Mexico, Drew graduated from Aztec High School and attended Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration. When he decided he preferred a more "hands on" trade as a career, he followed other family and friends already working as electric linemen.

One of the main attractions in coming to work at SEC is that it allows him to return to New Mexico to be closer to family and friends. Drew enjoys camping, fly fishing, and longbow archery as hobbies. Drew works in our Quemado Field Office and he says the favorite part of his job is troubleshooting the causes of outages so he can restore power quickly for his neighbors.



**Drew Bentley**  
Apprentice Lineman

### CONTACT US

#### WEBSITE

[www.socorroelectric.com](http://www.socorroelectric.com)

#### PHONE

800-351-7575 or 575-835-0560

#### PAYING YOUR BILL

You can make your payment over the phone by check or major credit card, 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week with our IVR phone system at no charge.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### REPORTING AN OUTAGE

Before reporting a power outage, please check the circuit breakers in your house first. If you still do not have power after checking your breakers, please call **(575) 835-0560, (800) 351-7575 or 855-881-8159.**

If you get a busy signal, it is an indication that someone else is experiencing an outage as well; however please continue to call, this will help us pinpoint the problem.

#### MEMBER SERVICE/BILLING

Marilyn Madrid - Member Service Supervisor  
575-835-0560 Ext 1504

#### ACCOUNTING

Rauni Montoya- Accounting Supervisor  
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### January 2022 Board Report - the Board met virtually.....

- and appointed the 2022 Credentials & Elections Committee.
- and received departmental reports from Staff and recommendations from Board Committees.
- set the next Board Meeting for February 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

### **NOTICE - End of Winter Moratorium Protection**

Protection from winter shut-off ends March 15, 2022.

To avoid potential disconnection of services, please contact The Socorro Electric Cooperative at 575-835-0560 or 800-351-7575 to make arrangements for payment.

A Socorro Electric representative will assist you in making a suitable arrangement on your account. Payments or Arrangements **MUST** be made **NO LATER** than March 15, 2022.

Members of New Mexico tribes or pueblos who need help with translation or with other matters, may contact the commission's Consumer Relations Division at (888) 427-5772, who will contact the appropriate tribal or pueblo official for assistance.

To apply for the (LIHEAP), call the Human Services Department at 800-283-4465. Applications are also available at The Socorro Electric Cooperative.

#### **Aviso: Fin de Protección de Moratoria de Invierno**

Protección de invierno apagar termina 15 de marzo 2022 Para evitar la desconexión de su servicios aga un pago después de 15 de marzo 2022 por favor póngase en contacto con: El Socorro Electric Cooperativa, en 575-835-0560 o 800-351-7575. Un representante de Socorro eléctrico le ayudará en latoma de un arreglo de pago adecuado en su cuenta.

Pago o Arreglos debe hacerse **NO** más tarde de 15 de Marzo 2022. Para solicitar el (LIHEAP), llame al Departamento de servicios humanos al 800-283-4465. Las aplicaciones también están disponibles en Socorro Electric Cooperativa.