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**Plateau Education Foundation scholarship applications available**

(Clovis, NM)... Plateau's Education Foundation is once again offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available on the Cooperative's website at <http://www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships> . Scholarships available include the \$8,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship, the \$8,000 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship, the \$3,000 Banner Scholarship, the \$1,500 Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship and the \$1,500 Committed to Excellence Scholarship. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 26, 2021 and mailed to Education Foundation Committee, c/o Plateau, P.O. Box 1947, 7111 N. Prince, Clovis, NM 88102-1947. For questions, call 1.575.389.4387 or 1.800.432.2369 ext. 4387.

The Cooperative is also participating in the Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarship Program. College-bound high school seniors who are dependents of Cooperative members can apply to the program through Plateau's website at <http://www.plateautel.com/frs> . Eighteen local students have won scholarships through the national program over its 18-year history. Application deadline for the FRS program is March 5, 2021.

In addition, applications for the Tom M. Phelps Scholarship for college juniors and seniors are now available at <http://www.plateautel.com/tps> . The \$2,000 scholarship honors retired Plateau CEO Tom M. Phelps. These applications must also be postmarked by February 26th to be considered.

Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarship funding to area students. All qualifying students are encouraged to apply. Students should carefully read qualifications and instructions on the application when applying.

Funds for the Education Foundation are derived from donated and abandoned capital credit payments from the Cooperative's membership. Among the Foundation's goals is to improve educational opportunities for the youth of the service area.

Formed in 1949 as Eastern New Mexico Rural Telephone Cooperative, Plateau provides advanced communications services including voice, Internet and video to residents in all or parts of 18 eastern New Mexico counties and five in the Texas Panhandle. For additional information, visit [www.plateautel.com](http://www.plateautel.com).

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