

December 2023

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Education Foundation 2024 Scholarships

The Education Foundation is proud to announce the 2024 scholarships. The total amount of awards has been increased to the array of scholarships that have been available since 1993. Here is an overview:

Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarship - \$8,000 awarded over eight semesters. Three students will be selected for this scholarship.

Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarship - \$8,000 awarded over eight semesters. Three students will be selected for this scholarship.

Banner Scholarship - \$5,000 awarded over four semesters. Twenty-five students will be selected for this scholarship.

Committed to Excellence Scholarship - \$3,000 will be awarded over two semesters. Two students will be selected for this scholarship.

Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000 will be awarded over two semesters. One student will be selected for this scholarship.

Occupational Trade & Technical Careers Scholarship - \$5,000 will be awarded over two semesters. The Education Foundation recognizes the importance of trade and technical careers. This scholarship can be used at an ACCSC accredited

trade school or a regionally accredited college. Four students will be selected for this scholarship.

Vocational Careers Scholarship - \$5,000 will be awarded over two semesters. This scholarship is for returning students that have graduated from high school within the past three years who will attend a vocational program at an ACCSC accredited trade school or a regionally accredited college. Four students will be selected for this scholarship.

Tom M. Phelps Scholarship - \$4,000 will be awarded over two semesters. This scholarship is for juniors or seniors in college. Two students will be selected for this scholarship.

Complete scholarship descriptions, eligibility requirements and scholarship applications are available on our website at:

www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships.

Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 16, 2024** in order to be considered for an award.

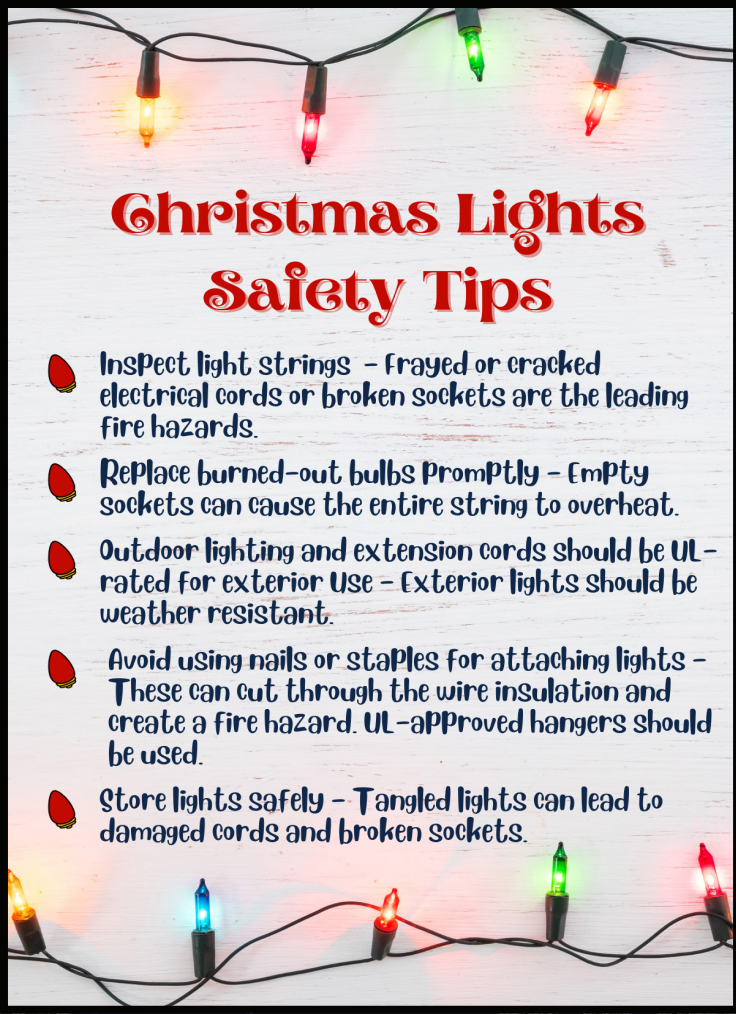


November Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met on November 16. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting:

- The Board approved the applications of 30 new members to the Cooperative.
- A construction status report was presented to the Board:
 - 11 projects were completed in El Valle, Ribera, Santa Rosa and Trementina.
 - Multiple projects are currently under construction throughout the Cooperative area.
- The Board approved the following Public Safety Education grants:
 - Town of Clayton Police Department - \$2,223.95 for mandated in-service training.
 - Village of Fort Sumner - \$5,540.14 for the purchase of emergency medical equipment.
- The Board approved an Innovation in Schools Education grant for Corona Public Schools for \$1,500.00 for reading resources.
- The Board approved increasing the Tonie Martinez Memorial and Committed to Excellence scholarships to \$3,000.00.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for December 28 at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis.



Christmas Lights Safety Tips

- 🍅 **Inspect light strings** - Frayed or cracked electrical cords or broken sockets are the leading fire hazards.
- 🍅 **Replace burned-out bulbs promptly** - Empty sockets can cause the entire string to overheat.
- 🍅 **Outdoor lighting and extension cords** should be UL-rated for exterior use - Exterior lights should be weather resistant.
- 🍅 **Avoid using nails or staples** for attaching lights - These can cut through the wire insulation and create a fire hazard. UL-approved hangers should be used.
- 🍅 **Store lights safely** - Tangled lights can lead to damaged cords and broken sockets.

Happy Holidays

Plateau business offices and retail locations will be closed December 24 and January 1.

Internet Tech Support will be available:

December 24 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

December 25 Closed

January 1 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Operator Services will continue to be on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For trouble reporting during the holidays, call:
575-389-5100 or 1.800.432.2369

Documentation for Education Foundation Scholarship Installments are Due

Recipients of 2022 and 2023 Banner Scholarships, 2023 Tom Phelps Scholarships and 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 Robert M. Harris and Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarships from the Education Foundation are reminded that documentation containing the information listed below must be received at the Cooperative's business offices before the next installment can be processed for the spring 2024 term. **Documentation must be received no later than 3/1/2024.**

Information is required as follows:

- Scholarship winner's full name
- Scholarship winner's Student ID number
- Copy of fall 2023 semester grades and GPA
- Copy of spring 2024 class schedule
- Institution's mailing address

Documents can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to:

Education Foundation
C/O Plateau
PO Box 1947
Clovis, NM 88102-1947
scholarships@plateautel.com

Please direct any questions regarding the status of any Education Foundation Scholarship to:

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Monthly Survey Winners

Customers receiving a \$25 credit in this month's survey drawing include:

- Desert Gypsy Beauty Bar - Tucumcari, NM
- Domingo Villanueva - Anton Chico, NM
- Leon Hewitt - Conchas Dam

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.



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Here's what's happening....

December 2 - Clovis Christmas Lights Parade

Bundle up the whole family and come out for an evening of dazzling lights, decorated floats, and marching bands playing Christmas carols. This is happening on Main Street in Clovis starting at 5:00 p.m. For details, visit www.clovismainstreet.org/2023-clovis-mainstreet-christmas-lights-parade/.

December 3 – Annual Parade of Lights Starting at 6:00 p.m., Tucumcari is lighting up the night with a Christmas Lights Parade on Route 66. You will be dazzled and amazed by the many lights making their way down the parade route. For more information, call 806.570.0027.

December 9 – Community Craft Fair Bring the family and do some holiday shopping at the Ribera Community Craft Fair at the Ribera Community Center. It will be going on from 9:00 a.m. –

3:00 p.m. For more information, call 505-617-5307.

December 24- Christmas Eve Around the world, Christmas Eve is celebrated with special religious services such as Midnight Mass, giving and receiving of gifts, and special meals.

December 25 – Christmas Day Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus of Nazareth on this day. Traditional activities include gift-giving, special music, exchanging Christmas cards, church celebrations, and decorating with lights.

December 28 – Board of Directors Meeting The Cooperative's Board of Directors meets in regular session at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis.

January 1 – New Year's Day The first day of the New Year is often marked by reflecting upon the last year and looking forward to the future.