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Ed Foundation Scholarship Applications Available

The Cooperative's Education Foundation is once again offering college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applications are available at local Plateau retail stores or on the Cooperative's website at <https://www.plateautel.com/scholarship>.

Scholarships available include \$8,000 Evelyn Patterson Memorial Scholarships, \$8,000 Robert M. Harris Memorial Scholarships, \$3,000 Banner Scholarships, the \$1,500 Tonie Martinez Memorial Scholarship and \$1,500 Committed to Excellence Scholarships. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2022 and mailed to Education Foundation Committee, c/o Plateau, P.O. Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947. For questions, call 1.575.389.4387 or 1.877.752.8328 ext. 4387.



In addition, the application for the Tom M. Phelps Scholarship for college juniors and seniors is now available. The \$2,000 scholarship honors retired Plateau CEO Tom M. Phelps. These applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2022 to be considered.

Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded over \$1.6 million in scholarship funding to area students. All qualifying students are encouraged to apply.

- Applicants must be a legal dependent of an active Cooperative member who is currently receiving retail communication service in one of the Cooperative's 26 service exchange areas (Subscriptions to services outside the Cooperative's exchange areas do not qualify.)

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.

Foundation for Rural Service College Scholarship Program

The Cooperative is again 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 <https://www.plateautel.com/scholarship>.

Eighteen local students have won scholarships through the national program over its 19-year history. Application deadline for the FRS program is February 25, 2022.



November Board Meeting Highlights

The Cooperative Board of Directors met in person and by video conference on November 18. Highlights of that meeting follow:

- The Board approved the applications of 64 new members to the Cooperative.

A construction status report was presented to the Board:

- Certain projects were completed in the Santa Rosa, Fort Sumner, Clayton, Anton Chico and Conchas Dam areas.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for December 16 at the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis or by video conference.

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The Netlink is published monthly by Plateau. Comments, questions or suggestions should be directed to The Netlink, PO Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947. Phone 1.575.389.4387. Email netlink@plateautel.com. Online version available at <https://www.plateautel.com/docs/Netlink.pdf>



Monthly Survey Winners

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

- Magdalena Garcia, Encino, NM
- Lorraine Madrid, Santa Rosa, NM
- Loretta's Burrito Hut, Tucumcari, NM
- Patsy Byrd, Clovis, NM

All completed surveys are eligible for the monthly drawing.

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Documentation for Education Foundation Scholarship Installments Due

Recipients of 2020 and 2021 Banner Scholarships; 2021 Tom Phelps Scholarships, 2021 Committed to Excellence Scholarships; and 2018; 2019; 2020 and 2021 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 spring 2022 installment can be processed.

Information required follows:

- Scholarship winner's full name.
- Scholarship winner's student ID number.
- Proof of 2.5 GPA or above (copy of fall 2021 semester grades and overall GPA) and proof of full-time status (spring 2022 class schedule).
- Institution's address (where the next installment is to be sent).

Documents can be mailed to Education Foundation, C/O Plateau, PO Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947, faxed to 575.389.5245, or emailed to scholarships@plateautel.com. Questions regarding the status of any Education Foundation Scholarship can be directed to 575.389.4387, toll free 1.877.752.8328 ext. 4387 or scholarships@plateautel.com.

Company Vehicles and Equipment Auction

Equipment and vehicles are being offered for sale by the Cooperative to members and employees. Vehicles can be viewed at Plateau's business offices, 7111 N. Prince, Clovis, NM during normal business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (MDT), Monday through Friday.

Sealed bids must be received in the Cooperative's business offices north of Clovis no later than 5 p.m. MDT on Friday, January 7, 2022. Bids must include vehicle number, bidder's name, address, phone number and should be mailed to Plateau, Attention: Stella Chavez, P.O. Box 1947, Clovis, NM 88102-1947. The complete list of vehicles and equipment can be viewed at <https://www.plateautel.com/plateauauction>.

Residential Service Rate Change

Universal Service Funding programs have been in place for many years to ensure that rural subscribers have access to telecommunications services at rates that are comparable to those provided in urban areas. The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC), in Docket 21-00176-UT, has established the minimum residential local service rate to be \$19.00 effective January 1, 2022. ENMR's residential local service rates in New Mexico will increase from the currently tariffed rate of \$18.00. Please contact Customer Care at 1-877-752-8328 if you have any questions.

*Plateau offices will be closed
December 24 and 25 for the
Christmas holiday and January 1
for New Year's Day.*





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Mark Your Calendar

December 16 Cooperative Board of Directors Meeting – Due to the Christmas holiday, the Cooperative’s Board of Directors will meet one week earlier, on the third Thursday of the month, at the Cooperative business offices north of Clovis or by video conferencing.

December 21 Winter Solstice – Old Man Winter is officially here. The winter solstice occurs when the Earth’s northern hemisphere is tilted at its farthest point away from the Sun, causing it to be the shortest day and longest night of the year. The winter solstice is traditionally considered the first day of winter.

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

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

January 17 Martin Luther King Day - Born on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King Jr. grew to become one of the greatest social activists the world has ever known. At 35, he became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace prize. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968 while making a speech from the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. His birthday became a National Holiday by an act of Congress in 1983.



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