

COLUMBUS CURRENTS

Scholarships Awarded for 2025

The Columbus Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees has awarded scholarships to the following students for the 2025-2026 school year. Scholarship applicants must be an active member or an immediate family member of an active member. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

<i>Breck Baptiste</i>	<i>Haley Elias</i>	<i>Ayshleen Lopez</i>	<i>Melody Ruebush</i>
<i>Daisy Blanco</i>	<i>Troy Francis</i>	<i>Jazmyne Lopez</i>	<i>Trinity Ruebush</i>
<i>Kenya Cardoza</i>	<i>Berenise Garcia</i>	<i>Anthony Mahler</i>	<i>Landon Ryder</i>
<i>Mariana Martinez-Cristancho</i>	<i>MaKayla Harrington</i>	<i>Tallon Marble</i>	<i>Journey Sheehan</i>
<i>Isabel Caballero</i>	<i>Adrian Hernandez</i>	<i>Evaristo Mariscal</i>	<i>Calleigh Sweetser</i>
<i>Lucero Caballero</i>	<i>Brisaida Hernandez</i>	<i>Emily Montes</i>	<i>Metzley Corrales Valdez</i>
<i>Yessly Camunez</i>	<i>Hannah Hiscox</i>	<i>Addy Offutt</i>	<i>Danli Jo Valdez</i>
<i>Laikyn Davenport</i>	<i>David Hurt</i>	<i>Jazmine Otero</i>	<i>Parker Winkler</i>
<i>Keegan Dennis</i>	<i>James Hurt</i>	<i>Angel Pintor</i>	<i>Kyden Wood</i>
<i>Sara Padilla-Duarte</i>	<i>Jazmine Ledezma</i>	<i>Madisyn Rainer</i>	<i>Nayra Yanez</i>

The employees and the Board of Trustees of Columbus Electric Cooperative extend their best wishes to each student for a successful school year and all their future endeavors. Together we support the dreams of students and build better communities.

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Five Tips for Hiring an Electrician

A licensed electrician can help with a variety of home projects from lighting upgrades to full renovations. Keep the following tips in mind if you're looking to hire an electrician.



- 1. Hire a licensed, qualified electrician for the job.**
Look for a master electrician to manage the project. Master electricians have the most experience and will often oversee the work of a journey-level electrician or apprentice.
- 2. Make sure the electrician is insured.**
Seasoned electricians know the importance of protecting themselves in case of an accident.
- 3. Read *all* the reviews.**
Hire an electrician that has several positive reviews – not just one or two. Read reviews on different sites, like Nextdoor, Yelp and HomeAdvisor, and consider asking your neighbors for recommendations.
- 4. Determine your budget. Get two quotes.**
Knowing your budget upfront helps move the process along. Prices can greatly vary, so get multiple quotes (at least two).
- 5. Talk timeline.**
Some electricians accidentally overbook projects. If your job is time-sensitive, convey that early on and discuss a realistic timeline with the electrician.

Heat Pump Rebate Reminder

Have you recently had a new air or ground source heat pump installed in your home or business? Don't forget CEC offers rebates for heat pumps to all its members. Rebates are also offered for whole house fans, and evaporative coolers. Members have 90 days from date of install or purchase to submit their rebate applications! To learn more about Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. rebate programs call us at 1-800-950-2667 or visit us online at columbusco-op.org/rebates



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Routine maintenance is important to keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Lint and dirt should be cleaned from the refrigerator coils every six months to a year, and more often if there are pets in the home.

When coils are coated with lint, dust or pet hair, your refrigerator works harder than it's designed to, which can prevent the appliance from cooling properly and efficiently. The additional work can increase the energy costs of the refrigerator by as much as 35% and shorten the life of the appliance.

Source: energy.gov



Payment Plans & Assistance

If you need payment arrangements or assistance, please call or stop by our Deming office to speak to a Member Service Representative at 575-546-8838 or 1-800-950-2667 Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. We will assist members on a case-by-case basis to find a payment solution.

A list of organizations that may be able to assist with past due balances are listed below.

New Mexico

- New Mexico Health Care Authority
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
575-546-0467 or
1-800-283-4465
Online www.hca.nm.gov

Arizona

- Arizona Department of Economic Security
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
1-866-494-1981
Online des.az.gov/liheap
- Southeastern Arizona Community Action Program
1-800-293-1144
Online www.seacapaz.com



Board Highlights

The Board of Trustees at their April meeting reviewed and approved the operations and financial reports for the month of March. They reviewed plans for the replacement of a transmission structure requiring a planned outage affecting a portion of the distribution system. They also approved a change to the May board meeting date due to a scheduling conflict.

Emergency Response Number
1-800-228-0579

Toll - free Office Number
1-800-950-COOP (2667)

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