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Plateau Education Foundation scholarship applications due

(Clovis, N.M.)... Applications for the 2017 Plateau Education Foundation Scholarship Program are due March 6, 2017. Applications are available at area high school guidance offices, at local Plateau retail stores (Clayton, Clovis, Farwell, Fort Sumner, Logan, Santa Rosa and Vaughn), or on the Cooperative's website at <http://www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships/>.

Since 1993, the Education Foundation has awarded almost \$990,000 in scholarship funding to area high school students. Every qualified high school senior is encouraged to apply.

- Applicants must be a legal dependent of an active cooperative member who is currently receiving landline telephone service in one of the Cooperative's 26 service exchange areas (see footnotes for details). (Subscriptions to services other than landline telephone provided by Plateau do not qualify. Landline service outside the Cooperative's exchange areas does not qualify.)
- Applicants must use an award of scholarship to attend a regionally accredited vocational school, college or university.
- Applicants must have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or equivalent on a 4.0 grade point scale (see application for complete eligibility requirements).

This year marks the 24th year that the Foundation has awarded scholarships. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 6, 2017 to be eligible for consideration. Scholarship winners will be introduced at the Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting in Clovis, New Mexico on April 22.

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 telecommunications services including voice, internet or video to residents in all or parts of 19 eastern New Mexico counties and three in the Texas Panhandle.

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