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## SIERRA PACIFIC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$680,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Anderson, CA – The Sierra Pacific Foundation, the philanthropic organization founded by the Emmerson Family, recently marked its thirty-eighth year in granting scholarships to dependent children of Sierra Pacific Industries' employees.

This year, an amount of \$680,000 has been awarded to 226 students as they attend colleges, universities and trade schools during the 2017-2018 school year. Qualified recipients are eligible for the scholarship for four years. Sometimes recipients are granted a fifth year based on their school and their degree program.

"We believe that by helping these outstanding young people pursue their dreams and become tomorrow's leaders, we are investing in the future," said Carolyn Emmerson Dietz, Foundation President. "Our family is very proud to be able to offer this type of program to the next generation."

The Sierra Pacific Foundation was founded in 1979 and to date has donated over \$6 million dollars in scholarships. In addition to scholarships, the Foundation contributes to youth activities and other organizations in the communities where Sierra Pacific Industries operates.