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GRANTS \$351,625 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Sierra Pacific Foundation, the philanthropic organization founded by the Emmerson Family, recently marked its twenty-sixth year in granting scholarships to dependant children of Sierra Pacific Industries.

This year 178 students will collectively receive \$351,625 to attend colleges, universities and trade schools during the 2005-2006 school year.

"The scholarship committee was very impressed with the caliber of the students that were interviewed," said Carolyn Emmerson Dietz, Foundation president. "As a company, we are proud of what our employee's children are doing and know that their parents must be equally proud. We are very pleased to help these future leaders further their education," she continued.

The Sierra Pacific Foundation was founded in 1979. In addition to scholarships, the Foundation contributes to youth activities and other organizations in the communities where Sierra Pacific Industries operates.