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**SIERRA PACIFIC FOUNDATION GRANTS \$364,125.00 IN  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Sierra Pacific Foundation, the philanthropic organization founded by the Emmerson Family, recently marked its thirtieth year in granting scholarships to dependent children of Sierra Pacific Industries' employees.

This year 176 students will collectively receive \$364,125.00 to attend colleges, universities and trade schools during the 2009-2010 school year.

"Our family is very proud of our scholarship program and we view our scholarship awards as an investment in the future. Considering our current challenging economic times, we are especially pleased to help these outstanding young people further their education beyond high school and become tomorrow's leaders," said Carolyn Emmerson Dietz, Foundation President.

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.

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