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Mid South Synergy awards \$16,000 in scholarships

NAVASOTA - This spring, Mid South Synergy is awarding 16 scholarships worth \$1,000 each to high school seniors including our Youth Tour winners whose parents or legal guardians are active Mid South Synergy members at their principle residence. The money that funds the Co-op's scholarship program comes from unclaimed capital credits that are returned by the State of Texas each year.

"Mid South Synergy has provided over \$150,000 in scholarships to students from our area over the past 12 years," said CEO Kerry Kelton. "We are proud that we have been able to help these students achieve their educational goals. "Our scholarship award program is simply another way for Mid South Synergy to show the members and communities we serve that we look out for their best interests", he added.

Enacted in 1999, HB 3203 allows nonprofit electric cooperatives to put unclaimed funds previously collected by the Texas Comptroller's Office for the State General Fund to use for student scholarships. The law states that scholarship recipients should be rural

students and that they must attend college, technical school or other post-secondary educational institutions.

Scholarships are awarded to students who attend public, private, parochial or home school. Interested students can contact any of the Mid South Synergy branch offices by phone or in person to obtain an information package and application. Applications are available at the counselors' offices in area high schools as well as in PDF format by visiting www.midsouthsynergy.com/html/scholar.htm

“In our long standing commitment to community and its youth, our hope is that through this program and application process these young people learn more about the cooperative way of doing business-----that we are more than just providers of electricity,” Kelton added. “Our connection to our members by openly communicating and educating is vital in achieving a mutual success in all that we do, it is clearly who we are”.

For more information regarding the Mid South Synergy Scholarship Program, visit www.midsouthsynergy.com or call the Marketing/Member Services department at 936-825-5102/5111.

Mid South Synergy is an electric cooperative serving over 17,000 members in Grimes, Brazos, Madison, Walker, Montgomery and Waller Counties. Please visit our website at www.midsouthsynergy.com