

PRESS RELEASE

Diverse Power Foundation awards 16 grants to area schools

Diverse Power Foundation Inc. on June 9 announced recipients of 16 grants awarded to area schools through the foundation's new educational initiative.

Formed by Diverse Power in June 2002, the Foundation oversees utilization of funds raised through the electric cooperative's Operation RoundUp Program, distributing funds in the form of grants and educational scholarships for schools and students within the Diverse Power service area. Diverse Power provides electricity in six Georgia counties – Troup, Harris, Meriwether, Coweta, Heard and Muscogee – and Chambers County in Alabama.

Diverse Power Foundation awards grants for school projects that enhance education with emphasis on innovation, creative application of teaching skills, providing students with key life skills, and purchase of specialized equipment or supplies to support classroom learning activities.

A total of \$67,125 was awarded in grants for 16 projects in local and area elementary, middle, high and private schools.

Grant recipients for 2003 and their designated grant project(s) are Rosemont Elementary, Computer Lab; West Point Elementary, Portfolio Accessories; Berta Weathersbee, Multi-Media Projector; Ethel Kight Magnet School, Fox 5 WeatherNet Station; Long Cane Middle, Energy Science; Callaway Middle, Discovery Labs; LaGrange High, CADD Projector; Callaway High, Multi-Cultural Fair; LaGrange Academy, Piano Lab; Shaw High, Spanish Software; Springwood School, Software and Network for Project Propel; George E. Washington Elementary, Math Skills Program; Double Churches Middle, Monitors for Learning Lab, and Wireless Weather Station; Harris County-Carver Middle, SRA Kits; and Heard County Middle, CADD Design.

Diverse Power Foundation is managed by a nine-member board of directors made up of community leaders throughout the Diverse Power service area. Board members are Chairman Jim Kelly, Vice-chairman Joel Keith, Secretary/Treasurer Anne Cook, Morris Tatum, Lewis Sturdivant, Darryl Landreth, N.R. Crowder, Orval Curry and Troy Roberts.

In May, Diverse Power Foundation awarded its first round of \$2,000 scholarships to 10 area high school seniors.