

## DEED SCHOLARSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

In late September, DEED Program staff sent a 10-question survey to students who had completed scholarships through the program. Here are the initial responses:

- 3/5 students agree that their scholarship has had a positive affect on their university experience while 4/5 agree that their scholarship has positively affected their career or future career.
- 4/5 students agree that their DEED scholarship allowed them to study an area that they otherwise would not have studied in great depth.
- Through their DEED scholarship
  - 4/5 students were able to define the focus of their university study
  - 3/5 students got the chance to meet utility, government, and other officials
  - 3/5 students gained work-related experience
  - 3/5 students learned about public power
  - 2/5 students become interested in other studies
  - 1/5 students learned about the electric industry
  - 1/5 students conducted further research
  - 1/5 students changed career paths
- 5/5 students agree that if they had the opportunity, they would participate in the program again.
- The best things students learned through their scholarship were
  - how utilities fit into the national electric system
  - how utilities are concerned with demand reduction issues
  - how public power fit into the electricity market
- Other positive feedback of the program include
  - easy and manageable administrative requirements to complete a scholarship
  - knowing that others benefit from this research
- None of the student respondents regretted something during the scholarship.
- Student respondents noted that their future goals are to
  - Improve the position of Director of Customer Relations by learning more about public power associations and municipals
  - Become a protection engineer and future manager
  - Conduct more research on voltage reduction
  - Expand current research scope so that it is applicable to the nation
- 3/5 students were familiar with public power systems before their DEED scholarship.
- 4/5 students are interested in a career in public power. 1/5 would consider public power a possible career outlet.