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Polar Offers Scholarship Opportunities to Students

PARK RIVER – January 27, 2015 - In support of continuing education for rural youth, Polar Communications and its subsidiaries are pleased to offer high school and college students the opportunity to apply for the following scholarships. Applications can be found online at www.thinkpolar.com/scholarships.

Polar's John G. Walters Scholarship: Five \$1,000 scholarships will be issued to graduating high school seniors from our service area who plan to continue their education at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college/university or vocational-technical school. Parents or guardians must be Polar customers.

Polar's Leadership Scholarship: Polar Communications, in cooperation with its retired employees, offers the Polar Leadership Scholarship. This \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to students who are involved in their school, serve their communities, achieve leadership roles in activities, functions or organizations, and strive to reach their highest potential. Other considerations include any work/internship experience outside of school. Applicants must be a senior in high school or freshman or sophomore in college and their parents or guardians must be Polar customers.

Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) Scholarships: FRS was established in 1994 and, along with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), promotes, educates and advocates to the public rural telecommunications issues. Polar is proud to be a member of NTCA and supports FRS in this worthy endeavor. If a graduating high school senior from our service area is selected for one of the FRS national scholarships (\$2,000 each), Polar will contribute an additional \$500, bringing the FRS award to \$2,500.

In addition, the FRS will award four \$5,000 **Staurulakis Family Scholarships** with a preference to those applicants who plan to major in math, science, engineering or medicine; two \$1,500 **TMS Scholarships**; one \$2,500 **Everett Kneece Return to Rural America Scholarship**, and new this year, the **Colt Ford Scholarship** awarding up to \$15,000 to rural students.

Polar has simplified the application process for high school seniors to apply for all seven scholarship programs using one application. College freshmen & sophomores are only eligible to apply for the Leadership Scholarship. All scholarship applications must be sent to Polar by February 14, 2015.

Please encourage students to participate in these great opportunities. Applications and information regarding all of the scholarships can be found on Polar's website at www.thinkpolar.com. For applications, details, or questions on any of the scholarships, please contact Carol LaHaise at 701-284-4361 or email: clahaise@polartel.com