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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Polar Communications & FRS Award Mindy Paulson \$2,500 Scholarship**

Park River, ND May 23, 2005- Polar Communications is excited to announce its participation in the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association's (NTCA) Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) 2005 College Scholarship Program. The aim of the annual program is to help further higher education opportunities among rural high school students. Polar strongly supports the youth of our community and are eager to sponsor this valuable program.

This year, Mindy Paulson of Mayville is one of the few recipients. FRS will provide \$2000 toward the scholarship and Polar Communications will provide an additional \$500 toward the scholarship, bringing the total scholarship award to \$2,500 per student. Over 1,200 applications were submitted this year, and twenty-five students were selected from throughout the country to receive an award from the Foundation for Rural Service.

The scholarship program is open to all graduating high school seniors from rural areas that receive local telecommunications service from Polar. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or vocational technical school, and have at least a C-grade point average. Additionally, applicants must indicate a desire to return to a rural community once their collegiate studies have been completed.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to show our support for the youth of our community by sponsoring students for the FRS College Scholarship Program," said David Dunning, General Manager/CEO of Polar Communications "We view this program as an investment not only in the students, but in the future of rural America."

The ultimate aim of the FRS College Scholarship Program is to encourage recipients of these scholarships to return to their rural communities after graduation. Statistics show that more than two-thirds of rural Americans with post-secondary degrees never return to their hometowns.



Mindy Paulson