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Polar Offers Scholarship Opportunities to Students

PARK RIVER, ND – January 17, 2017 - 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 a student who is involved in their school, serves their community, achieves leadership roles in activities, functions or organizations, and strives 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 NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, they promote, educate and advocate 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**; and one \$7,000 **Everett Kneece Return to Rural America Scholarship**.

Polar has simplified the application process for high school seniors to apply for all six scholarship programs using one application. College freshmen and sophomores are only eligible for the Leadership Scholarship. Please use your current college information when completing the application. Applications can be obtained from your high school guidance counselor or online at www.thinkpolar.com. **All scholarship applications must be sent to Polar by February 15, 2017.**

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.