

2022



Scholarship Program Guidelines



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NTCA Member Sponsor:

Polar Communications Mutual Aid Corp.
Park River, ND



FOUNDATION FOR
RURAL SERVICE

Make Sure Your Application Is Complete:

Submit a complete application, including all materials listed below.

- Transcript (7 Semesters)
- 500-800 Word Essay
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Sponsorship From NTCA Member
- Submitted to FRS no Later Than February 25, 2022



The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through its various programs and initiatives, FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth.

Eligibility

Each applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be sponsored by a current NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association member.¹
- Be accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- Have at least a C grade point average (GPA).
- Express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation.

Application Instructions

Visit <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships> to find a link to our scholarship on Kaleidoscope. You can only access the application via the link.

- Review the application guide to ensure you understand the application and have all the necessary information and documentation.
- Prepare a 500-800 word essay on the following question:

What field or major do you intend to enter and how might it impact your rural community?

- Proofread your essay before submitting. The essay is worth the most points.
- Two letters of recommendation must be submitted. Only one may be from teacher, counselor or other educator.
- Submit 7 semesters of transcripts. Transcript does not have to be an official copy.
- Ensure you know the correct name of the NTCA member that is sponsoring your application.



In 2022 FRS will award scholarships in each geographic region of the NTCA membership. For each FRS general scholarship, FRS provides \$2,000 and the sponsoring NTCA member company provides \$500.

In addition to the FRS general scholarships, FRS has the following named scholarships*

- Diana Jo Dreyer Memorial Scholarship - Sponsored by INDATEL Services
- Everett Kneece Scholarship
- Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship
- JSI Staurulakis Family Scholarships
- TMS Scholarships
- Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships

**Submitting one application is sufficient for eligibility of all available scholarships.*

Terms and Conditions

- All applications will be reviewed, and awardees selected by a qualified selection committee.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable. Scholarships can be deferred for 1 year.
- Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at an institution of higher education and will be issued by August 2022.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist on the front to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- Awardees will forfeit their scholarship if mandatory paperwork is not received by FRS within 60 days of notification that they have been selected.
- All awards will be paid directly to the educational institution the student will attend.
- Recipients will be contacted directly and posted to www.FRS.org/scholarships in the spring.

¹ Please contact your local telecommunications provider to determine if it is an NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association member and if they are participating in the FRS Scholarship Program.