



FOUNDATION FOR
RURAL SERVICE

2024

FRS Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) annually awards scholarships to graduating high school students for their first year of college or vocational school. All applicants require partnership with an NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association member company to be eligible.

FRS has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships since its inception, empowering students across the country to advance their communities with invaluable skill sets and experiences.

In cooperation with NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association and its members, FRS 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.

Foundation for Rural Service

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frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships



How to apply for FRS Scholarships

1. Identify the NTCA Member company in your area. It is likely this is your telephone or internet provider.
2. Visit frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships to find a link to the scholarship platform, *Kaleidoscope*. You must access the application via the Kaleidoscope link.

Applications close on February 16, 2024 and will be announced in May 2024.

All scholarship awards are paid directly to the educational institution.



One application qualifies students for several scholarships. Submitting one application is sufficient for eligibility of all available scholarships.

FRS General Scholarship

\$2,500 awarded for the first year of 2-year or 4-year college or vocational school.

Everett Kneece Scholarship

\$7,000 awarded in honor of the generous philanthropist Everett Kneece, who had a passion for rural America.

Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship

\$5,000 to one individual who exhibits a strong dedication to rural America.

JSI Scholarship

\$5,000 awarded to individuals interested in science, math, medicine, or engineering.

Sarah Tyree Good Neighbor Scholarship

\$5,000 awarded to students who demonstrate what it means to be a “good neighbor” through humanitarianism, inclusion, and kindness to others.

Cronin Communications Scholarship

\$2,500 awarded thanks to the generosity of the Timothy Evan Owens Foundation.

Diana Jo Dreyer Memorial Scholarship

\$2,500 awarded thanks to the generosity of INDATEL Services LLC to a woman who intends to study business.

Roger Cox Scholarship

\$1,000 awarded to students living in rural areas of North Carolina and South Carolina.

TMS Scholarship

\$1,500 awarded to customers of Ardmore Telephone and/or West Kentucky and Tennessee Telecommunications Cooperative.



Who is eligible to apply?

Each applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Be a United States citizen
- Be sponsored by a current member of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (*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.*)
- Complete the on-line application
- Express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation

What is included in the application?

To complete the on-line application you will need the following items:

- A 500-800 word essay about your intended area of study and how it could benefit your rural community. Proofread your essay before submitting because the essay is the most important part of the application.
- Email addresses for two people who can provide a letter of recommendation. Only one of these people may be a teacher, counselor, or educator.
- High school transcript with 7 semesters. It does not need to be an official copy.
- The correct name of the NTCA member company that will sponsor your application.

Terms and Conditions

- All applications will be reviewed, and awardees selected by a qualified selection committee.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Scholarships are a one-time award. Scholarships can be deferred for one year.
- Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at a 2-year, 4-year, or vocational college or university and will be issued by August 2024.
- All awards will be paid directly to the educational institution the student will attend.
- Awardees will forfeit their scholarship if mandatory paperwork is not received by FRS within 60 days of notification that they have been selected.
- Recipients will be contacted directly and names posted to www.FRS.org/scholarships in the spring.

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