



### **Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship**

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) was established in 1994 in cooperation with NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications. In keeping with its mission, furthering the education of rural youth is one of the foundation's primary focuses. Wilson Communications is proud to be a member of NTCA and to support FRS in this worthy endeavor and it is our pleasure to offer this scholarship opportunity to the students in our service area.

Enclosed you will find the 2023 FRS scholarship flyer and application instructions. The information may also be found on our website at <http://www.wilsoncommunications.us/myc/scholarships.php>. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the \$2,000 national scholarships we will contribute an additional \$500; bringing the total scholarship award to \$2,500. Students may also be eligible for other scholarship programs FRS administers. For a complete list, please refer to the flyer or visit our website.

FRS has adopted an online application process. Please read through the instructions carefully. When prompted, the students will need to select **Wilson Communications** as their sponsoring member. FRS will then send the applications to us for certification.

Wilson Communications has been honored to have sponsored 20 national scholarship recipients totaling over \$31,000 in scholarships for our local youth! We understand that there may be instances where although a student may attend a school which is not in our area, they may however reside in one of the areas we do serve. Please help us continue to make this program a success by ensuring that all eligible students have an opportunity to apply!

Deadline to submit applications is February 8, 2023. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me at 658-2111 or (800) 432-7607 or by email to [kayla.cullens@wilsoncom.net](mailto:kayla.cullens@wilsoncom.net). Thank you for your assistance.

Eligibility:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be sponsored by a current NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association member.
- 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.

Before you start:

- Know your NTCA Member – Select **Wilson Communications** as your sponsoring member.

The information below is in the same order as the application.

- General Information
  - Name
  - Email address. Use a personal email address that will be active after High School
  - Phone number
  - Mailing address
  - Are you a United States Citizen?
  - Find your NTCA member. Select Wilson Communications.
  - Name of high school
  - High school phone number
  - Are you graduating in the fall of 2021?
  - GPA
  - Enter your ACT or SAT score.
  - Upload seven (7) semesters of transcripts.
  - Name of College, University or Vocational/Technical school you plan to attend.
  - Address of the Institution you plan to attend.
  - Telephone number of college, university or vocational/technical school
  - Intended major or area of study
- Upload or enter your work experience, activities, awards and honors. An example sheet is listed on the FRS website at <https://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships/faqs>.
- Upload or type your 500–800, word essay answering the question prompt:
  - What field or major do you intend to enter and how might it impact your rural community?
- Please include any additional information that you think the review team should know, including any family need or hardships overcome.
- Two letters of recommendation, only one of which may be from an educator. Letters should be written by someone who can describe your skills, accomplishments and personality (examples include telephone company personnel, elected official, local business leader, etc.). There is not a standard form to be used for these letters of recommendation.  
*\*An email will be sent to your reference upon completing this step. Please talk to your reference prior to submitting their information. It is the student's responsibility to ensure BOTH references are completed. \**
- Applicant Signature and Certification

**Be sure to complete submission by selecting submit on the bottom of the page, after you review your answers.**

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## Scholarship Program Guidelines



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### 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 no Later Than February 8, 2023



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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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 2023 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 Dryer Memorial Scholarship - Sponsored by INDATEL Services
- Everett Kneece Scholarship
- Sarah Tyree Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship
- JSI Scholarships
- TMS Scholarships
- Roger Cox Memorial Scholarship

*\*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 are a one time award. 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 2023.
- 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](http://www.FRS.org/scholarships) in the spring.

<sup>1</sup> 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.