

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

2020

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who reside in the SRTC service area as a member of the immediate family of an active member of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative.

As you will notice the FRS (Foundation for Rural Service) application's due date is March 6, 2020. The applications this year will be submitted online by the applicant. Please read through the guidelines below and follow the application instructions.

Established in 1994, FRS, in cooperation with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout Rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications issues. In keeping with its mission, furthering the education of rural youth is one of the foundation's primary focuses. Our cooperative, Santa Rosa Communications, is a member of NTCA and is proud to support FRS in this worthy endeavor.

As your local telecommunications service provider, it is our pleasure to offer this national scholarship program to the students in your school. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the 30 scholarships (\$2,000 each), we will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500.

FRS scholarship winners will be posted on the FRS website, www.frs.org by May 1, 2020.

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Scholarship Program Guidelines



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Make Sure Your Application Is Complete:

Submit a complete applications, each including all materials listed below.

- Transcript (7 Semesters)
- 500-800 Word Essay
- Educator's Statement
- Letter of Recommendation
- Sponsorship From NTCA Member
- Submitted to FRS no Later Than March 6, 2020



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 www.FRS.org/student for full instructions on how to create an account and for all necessary materials required.

- Make sure to have all necessary materials before beginning the application process. *(You may have to re-upload documents if you start the application and leave the page without submitting.)*
- 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?

- Be sure to proofread your essay before submitting. The essay is worth the most points.
- Submit one letter of recommendation, the Educator's statement, completed by a high school teacher or counselor.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader other than an educator (examples include telephone company personnel, elected official, local business leader, etc.).
- 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 2020, 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*

- Staurulakis Family Scholarships
- TMS Scholarships
- Everett Kneece Scholarship
- Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships
- Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Herbert and Isabel Bitz 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 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 2020.
- 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.
- Awardees will be posted on www.FRS.org/scholarships by May 1, 2020.

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. Sponsor company must be a current FRS donor of a minimum of \$500 within the past 12 months.