



# 2025 FRS Scholarship Program

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) awards scholarships annually 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 various programs and initiatives, FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth.

## How to apply for FRS Scholarships:

1. Identify [GRM Networks®](#) as the NTCA Member company.
2. Visit [frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships](https://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 14, 2025  
and will be announced in May 2025.**

**All scholarship awards are paid directly to the educational institution the student will be attending.**

### Foundation for Rural Service

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[www.frs.org/scholarships](http://www.frs.org/scholarships)



**One application qualifies a student for all available FRS scholarships.**

**FRS General Scholarship**

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

**V+C Trust Scholarship**

\$9,000 awarded to two students from rural communities who are interested in pursuing studies related to environmental sustainability, social justice, telecommunications, or economic development.

**Everett Kneee Scholarship**

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

**Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship**

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

**JSI Scholarship**

\$5,000 awarded to students 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 INDATEL Services LLC to a woman who intends to study business.

**TMS Scholarship**

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

**Roger Cox Scholarship**

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

**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.
- Any use of artificial intelligence (AI) to answer any questions on this application is not permitted. Plagiarism is also not permitted. Each application will be checked for A.I. and plagiarism, and if either are found, the application will be immediately removed from consideration.
- 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.
- Awards will be issued by August 2025.
- 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 will be posted to [www.FRS.org/scholarships](http://www.FRS.org/scholarships) in the spring.



**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 the company is an NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association member and if they are participating in the FRS Scholarship program.
- Express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation, as discussed in the essay.

**What does the application include?**

To complete the online 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.

**For more information and the link to the application on Kaleidoscope, visit [www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships](http://www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships).**

**You must access the application via the Kaleidoscope link.**

**All applications must be submitted by February 14, 2025 at 11:59pm EST.**

## Two Great Scholarship Opportunities from GRM Networks®!

GRM Networks will award up to a total of \$8,000 in scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to area students. Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and are not renewable. Applications can be found at [grm.net/about-us/scholarships/](http://grm.net/about-us/scholarships/).

### Applicant Eligibility Requirements for the GRM Networks Local Scholarship Program are:

- \*Be a graduating high school senior.
- \*Be accepted by an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or trade school or other post secondary institution.
- \*Have an average grade of at least a "C" or a 2.0 grade point average on a four-point scale.
- \*Have a parent or legal guardian who is an active GRM Networks member in good standing at the time of the application deadline.

Immediate family members of GRM Networks board members or employees are not eligible for the GRM Networks scholarship. All applications will be reviewed and winners will be selected by a committee of GRM Networks board members. Winners will be posted by May 2, 2025 at [grm.net/about-us/scholarships/](http://grm.net/about-us/scholarships/). **Applications must be submitted by February 14, 2025, for the GRM Networks scholarships.**

### FRS Scholarship Program

GRM Networks partners with NTCA's Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) to offer an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. Students that are family members of GRM Networks board members and employees are eligible for the FRS Scholarship.

FRS awards several one-time \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. GRM Networks sponsors the local applicants for the FRS Scholarships, and pays \$500 of the award to any local winners. The parent or legal guardian of the student must be an active member of GRM Networks in good standing.

The FRS scholarship applications will also be considered for several named scholarships as listed on the website including the James L. Bass Legal Scholarship for \$5,000. The complete terms and conditions along with the application for the FRS scholarships can be found at:

[frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships](http://frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships). **Please list GRM Networks as the NTCA member sponsor on your application.** **Applications must be submitted by February 14, 2025, for the FRS scholarships.**



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*Celebrating 25 years of investing in rural America.*

# Iowa Scholarship Opportunity



## AUREON Scholarship Program

GRM Networks® and SCC Networks® are proud to partner with Aureon to make the Aureon Scholarship Program available to students in the Iowa GRM Networks and SCC Networks service area.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a STEM-related course of study (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) and live in a home with active phone or internet from GRM Networks or SCC Networks in the state of Iowa.

The Aureon Scholarship Program will award more than \$10,000 in funds, with individual scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Applicant eligibility and submission requirements are available at [aureon.com/scholarship](http://aureon.com/scholarship). **Scholarship applications are usually due around March 1st.** Please check their website for updates on the 2025 deadline.

If you have any questions about the Aureon Scholarship Program, please contact [giving@aureon.com](mailto:giving@aureon.com).