



\$500 SCHOLARSHIP F&B Communications is the premiere local telecommunications provider serving customers in the Bennett, Calamus, Delmar, Lowden and Wheatland telephone exchanges. The Board of Directors and employees of F&B Communications are committed to the education of local youth and believe learning is a lifelong process. F&B Communications will award one (1) \$500 scholarship to a deserving high school senior in the service area based on scholastic achievement, citizenship and school and community activities.

FRS \$2,500, \$5,000, \$1,500, \$7,000 AND \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association (NTCA), seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout Rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecom issues. Through its various programs and initiatives, FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth. F&B Communications is an NTCA member company. In 2018, FRS will award \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors per geographic region of the NTCA membership and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA associate member. The awards will be distributed proportionate to the number of applicants received per region. FRS will fund \$2,000 of each scholarship, with F&B Communications providing an additional \$500 if a winning application is chosen from the F&B Communications service area. Four (4) \$5,000 FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships will be awarded. Students who are majoring in math, science, engineering or medicine fields will be given preference for the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships. In addition, two (2) TMS Scholarships for \$1,500 each, one (1) \$7,000 Everett Kneece Scholarship and three (3) \$500 Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Receive their service and live in a household in the F&B Communications telephone service area.
- 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.

Immediate family members of F&B Communications, Foundation for Rural Service and/or NTCA employees or directors are not eligible.

Application Instructions

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information.
- Complete the scholarship application in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.
- Prepare a 300-word essay on one of the following topics:
 1. Describe your most significant accomplishment and explain why you believe it to be your most outstanding.
 2. Describe the community in which you live and indicate how it has influenced the person you are.
 3. What industry or opportunity would entice you to return to a rural community after completing your education, and why?
- The essay portion of the application is worth 35% of your total score. It is the most important section of the application; please make sure to use spell-check and grammar-check before submitting your essay.
- Have a high school teacher or guidance counselor complete the Educator's Statement. Statements must be submitted in a sealed envelope from the author.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader other than an educator (elected officials, local business representatives, clergy, youth group leaders, etc.). Recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope from the author.
- Include your most recent grade transcript (all seven semesters must be represented). Transcript does not have to be an official copy.
- Do not include any photographs with your application.
- All signatures must be provided where indicated on the application.
- All materials, including recommendation letters, **must** be submitted together.

Award Procedures

F&B COMMUNICATIONS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

- One (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded in May 2018.
- Applications will be reviewed and a selection committee will narrow the list of candidates down to three (3) finalists. The finalists will be contacted for a face-to-face interview evaluation.
- Winner will be notified in April 2018.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.
- Award will be paid upon proof of registration at an institute of higher education, and will be issued in September 2018 to the educational institution.
- Scholarship will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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- Two (2) \$1,500 TMS Scholarships will be awarded to students.
- One (1) \$7,000 Everett Kneece Return to Rural America Scholarship will be awarded.
- Three (3) \$500 Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships.
- All applications will be reviewed, and winners selected, by a qualified selection committee of educators.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.
- Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at an institute of higher education, and will be issued in August 2018.
- Scholarship will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Winners will forfeit scholarship if mandatory paperwork is not received by FRS within 60 days of winning notification.
- Winners will be posted on the FRS Web site, www.frs.org, by May 1, 2018.

Applications must be postmarked or delivered to
F&B Communications by **Feb. 20, 2018.**

Scholarship Committee
F&B Communications
P.O. Box 309
Wheatland, IA 52777

Completing the College Scholarship Application makes you eligible for both the F&B Communications and FRS Scholarships.

QUESTIONS: 563-374-1236



Instructions:

- 1. Please fill out both pages of the application and mail with all attachments to:

Scholarship Committee
F&B Communications
P.O. Box 309
Wheatland, IA 52777
- 2. Please type (preferred) or print all information in blue or black ink. No pencil.
- 3. Include all requested attachments.
- 4. Postmark application or deliver to F&B Communications no later than Feb. 20, 2018.

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Gender Male Female

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

High School _____ High School Telephone Number _____

Grade Point Average (please provide your unweighted GPA cumulative through your 7th semester) _____

SAT Score (if applicable) _____ ACT Score (if applicable) _____

College, University or Vocational/Technical School You Plan to Attend _____

College, University or Vocational/Technical School Admissions Office Telephone Number _____

Have You Been Accepted? Yes No

Anticipated Major or Area of Study _____

(Students who are majoring in math, science, engineering or medicine will automatically be given preference for the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships.)

Work Experience: List your work experience over the last four years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. Attach additional page if necessary.

Company	Position/Job Description	Employed From	Employed To	Average Hours Per Week

School Activities: List all school activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., athletics, student government, clubs). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity	Years (1, 2, 3, 4)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments



Community and Volunteer Activities: List all nonpaid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity (i.e., soup kitchen)	Years (1, 2, 3, 4)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

Awards and Honors: List all awards and honors received in the last four years (including academic awards or honors). Attach additional page if necessary.

Years	Award or Honor (i.e., Eagle Scout Badge, National Merit Scholar)	Comments (Describe the Honor – Why Given)

Special Circumstances: Describe any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (i.e., family need or hardships overcome). Please provide this information in an attachment to this application, typed (preferred) or printed in blue or black ink. Do not answer this question if you feel that there are no special circumstances or important facts to relay.

Submit essay as attachment: Essay should be approximately 300 words, typed (preferred) or printed, 12-point font, double-spaced with one-inch margins. Please address one of the following statements:

1. Describe your most significant accomplishment, and explain why you believe it to be your most outstanding.
2. Describe the community in which you live, and indicate how it has influenced the person you are.
3. What industry or opportunity would entice you to return to a rural community after completing your education, and why?

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to F&B Communications and/or the Foundation for Rural Service to contact my references and/or school if necessary, and to use my name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship award.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

Make Sure Your Application is Complete:

- Completed application form
- Transcript (7 semesters)
- 300-word essay
- Educator’s Statement (sealed)
- Letter of recommendation (sealed)
- Postmark or deliver to F&B Communications by Feb. 20, 2018

MUST HAVE ALL ITEMS ON CHECKLIST TO BE CONSIDERED.

Please submit all materials together.

Questions: 563-374-1236



This Page Is To Be Completed by One of Your Teachers or Your High School Guidance Counselor

To Be Submitted by Student With Completed Application.

***Teacher/Counselor:** Please fill out, make one copy, and provide both copies to the student.

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

High School _____

Teacher's/Counselor's Name _____

Position _____

Please describe whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in a candidate's intellectual promise, motivation, relative maturity, commitments to service, integrity, special talents and enthusiasm, hardships overcome (if applicable) and initiative. We welcome any information that will help distinguish this student from others. Please submit your comments below. Attach additional page if necessary.

Personality & Character Evaluation

Compared with other high school seniors, how would you rate this student in the following areas?

	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 10%)	One of the Best That I Have Ever Encountered
Positive Attitude					
Enthusiasm & Support of the School					
Respect for Others					
Leadership Qualities					
Academic Achievement					
Sense of Responsibility					
Principles and Values					

Signature of Evaluator _____

Date _____