

\$3,000 Available to a High School Senior in the F&B Communications Service Area.

\$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.

\$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP The Foundation for Rural Service (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 telecom issues. F&B Communications is an NTCA member company. In 2010, FRS will award thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors, one per geographic region of the NTCA membership and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA associate member. The remaining nineteen (19) 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.

Eligibility

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- 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). F&B Communications and FRS scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above-average range.
- 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?
- 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).
- 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.

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

Award Procedures

F&B COMMUNICATIONS \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

- One (1) \$500 scholarship will be awarded in May 2010.
- 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 2010.
- 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 2010 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.

FRS \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIP

- Thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded — one per geographic region (10) of the NTCA membership and one to a student sponsored by an NTCA associate member. The remaining nineteen (19) awards will be distributed proportionate to the number of applications received from each NTCA region.
- All applications will be reviewed, and winners selected, by a qualified selection committee of current educators.
- 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 August 2010.
- 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, 2010.

QUESTIONS: 563-374-1236

Applications must be postmarked or delivered to
F&B Communications by **Feb. 20, 2010.**

Mail completed application and attachments to:

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

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.
3. Include all requested attachments.
4. Postmark application or deliver to F&B Communications no later than Feb. 20, 2010.

Name	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>		
Social Security Number	Gender		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Address					
City	State		Zip		
Telephone ()	Email				
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)					
High School			High School Telephone ()		
Grade Point Average <i>(please provide your un-weighted GPA cumulative through your 7th semester)</i>					
SAT Score <i>(Combined)</i>			ACT Score <i>(Combined)</i>		
College or University You Plan to Attend					
Address of College or University					
College or University Telephone <i>(Admissions Office)</i> ()					
Anticipated Major or Area of Study		Have You Been Accepted?		If No, When Will You Hear?	
List Other Scholarships, Grants or Loans You Have Applied For to Date and Amounts of Each <i>(attach additional page if necessary)</i> : <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>					

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	Total Months Worked	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)	Position (i.e., Treasurer)	Total Months Participated	Average Hours Per Week	Comments (i.e., Special Kudos)

Community and Volunteer Activities: List all non-paid 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)	Position	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Month	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.

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

Special Circumstances: Relay any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (i.e., family need, hardships overcome, and the like). Please provide this information in an attachment to this application – please type (preferred) or print your response. 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 or questions:

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 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, 2010

MUST HAVE ALL ITEMS ON CHECKLIST TO BE CONSIDERED.

Please submit all materials together.

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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 in Sealed Envelope. *Teacher/Counselor: Please fill out, copy and place both forms in a sealed envelope before returning to student.

Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

High School _____

Teacher/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, overcoming hardships (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					
High Principles and Values					

Signature of Evaluator _____