

Foundation of Rural Services(FRS) Scholarship FAQ

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.

Question: What is the FRS Scholarship Program?

Answer: The FRS Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to graduating high school seniors for their first year of college or vocational school.

Question: Who is eligible to apply?

Answer: Applicants must be a graduating high school senior, U.S. citizen, sponsored by an NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association member (Kankakee) and express an interest in returning to a rural community after graduation.

Question: How much are the scholarship awards?

Answer: Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$9,000, with multiple categories available.

Question: What is required for the application?

Answer: A 500-800 word essay on how your area of study benefits rural communities, two letters of recommendation (only one can be from an educator), a high school transcript with seven semesters and the name of the NTCA member sponsoring your application.

Question: When is the deadline?

Answer: Applications must be submitted by February 14, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST.

Question: How do I apply?

Answer: Applications must be submitted via Kaleidoscope, which can be accessed through www.frs.org/scholarships.

Question: How are recipients selected?

Answer: A selection committee reviews applications based on eligibility, essay quality, and other criteria.

Question: When will recipients be notified?

Answers: Winners will be notified in Spring 2026, and awards will be paid directly to the educational institution.