

Up to \$2500 Available to Rural Students

FMCTC

**College Scholarship
Program 2012**

Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company College Scholarship Program 2012

In 2012, Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company will award one \$500 scholarship to a rural high school senior.

The FMCTC scholarship winner will then become eligible for a \$2000 scholarship available through the Foundation for Rural Service, (FRS) a national nonprofit organization that helps educate the public on the telecommunications industry and improve the quality of life throughout rural America. FRS is an affiliate of the National Telephone Cooperative Association, a trade organization of independent telephone companies across the country. FMCTC is a member of the National Telephone Cooperative Association.

Eligibility Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be a child dependant of a FMCTC member and reside in the member's home.
- Be from a rural area.
- Be accepted by an accredited two or four year college or university, or vocational-technical school.
- Have at least a C grade point average. Please note this is not a scholarship based on a 4.0 average, but is awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above average range.
- Express an interest to work in a rural community following graduation.

How to Apply

- Complete the scholarship application in full.
- 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 counselor complete the Educator's Statement. Each Statement must be sent in a sealed envelope from the author. ***Please ask the author to submit three copies of his/her letter, each in a sealed envelope.***
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader (elected officials, local business representatives, NOT from educators). Each Recommendation must be sent in a sealed envelope from the author. ***Please ask the author to submit three copies of his/her letter, each in a sealed envelope.***
- Include your most recent grade transcript (All seven semesters must be represented.) If available, include test scores and/or class rank with the transcript.

Award Procedure:

- Winner will be selected by an independent, qualified committee.
- All entries must be received by **Friday, February 3, 12 NOON. No late applications will be accepted.**
- 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 payable the second term.
- Scholarship will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex or disability.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Make sure to:

- Include your application form.
- Attach your transcript.
- Attach your essay.
- Attach your Recommendation Forms in sealed envelopes.
- Return your entry by February 3, 2012, 12 NOON.

Questions may be directed to Shelli Larson at 712-744-3131 or 712-755-2541.

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Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Gender Male Female

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ Email _____

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

High School _____ High School Telephone () _____

Grade Point Average (please provide your un-weighted GPA cumulative through your last semester) _____

SAT Score (Combined) _____ ACT Score (Combined) _____

College or University You Plan to Attend _____

Address of College or University _____

College or University Telephone (Admissions office) () _____

Anticipated Major/Area of Study _____ Have You Been Accepted? _____ If No, When Will You Hear? _____

List Other Scholarship, Grants or Loans You Have Applied For to Date and Amounts of Each (attach additional page if necessary)

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. Student Government, Clubs, Athletics). 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)

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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 of 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 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 FMCTC and 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

NTCA Member Sponsor Certification (Office Use Only)

I hereby commit Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company to provide the \$500 scholarship match required in the event that our sponsored applicant is selected a winner in the FRS scholarship program. Said commitment is for this applicant only and does not commit the company to any ongoing participation in, or support of, this program or the Foundation for Rural Service.

Signature of FMCTC Manager or Board President Date

Printed Name of Sponsoring Manager or Board President

Telephone Number of Sponsor () _____

City _____ State _____

NTCA Region _____

Make Sure Your Application is Complete:

- Completed application form
- Transcript (7 semesters)
- 300-word essay
- Educator’s Statement (3 copies, sealed)
- Letter of Recommendation (3 copies, sealed)

MUST HAVE ALL ITEMS ON CHECKLIST TO BE CONSIDERED

Please submit all materials together.

Educator's Statement

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 and place form in a sealed envelope before returning to student. Please submit a total of 3 forms, each in a sealed envelope.

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 hardship (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 _____

Mail your completed application and materials to:

Selection Committee FMCTC 801 19th Street Harlan, Iowa 51537

All applications must be submitted to FMCTC by 12 NOON February 3, 2012.

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