



## FRS Scholarship Opportunity for VTel / VTel Wireless Customers

Available for Exceptional 1<sup>st</sup> Year College/Vocational School Student Applicants

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) annually awards scholarships to graduating high school students for their first year of college or vocational school. An applicant can qualify for consideration for an FRS scholarship if their household currently subscribes to VTel or VTel Wireless or through another participating NTCA member company.

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 VTel, FRS seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through its various programs and initiatives, FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth.

**One application qualifies students for several scholarships. Submitting one application is sufficient for eligibility of all available FRS scholarships for Vermont residents:**

- **FRS General Scholarship:** \$2,500 awarded for the first year of a 2-year or 4-year college or vocational school.
- **V+C Trust Scholarship:** \$9,000 awarded to two students from rural communities pursuing studies in environmental sustainability, social justice, telecommunications, or economic development.
- **Everett Kneece Scholarship:** \$7,000 awarded in honor of the generous philanthropist Everett Kneece, who had a passion for rural America.
- **Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship:** \$5,000 awarded 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 by INDATEL Services LLC to a woman intending 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.

### Who is eligible to apply?

- 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.

### To complete the on-line 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.
- The correct name of the NTCA member company that will sponsor your application (VTel or VTel Wireless).

#### Terms & Conditions apply.

VTel/VTel Wireless is not the administrator of this program. See program's official PDF handout to review important terms & conditions before applying online: <https://bit.ly/3Y5FJjq>

**Applications close February 14, 2025. Awards announced May 2025.**

Visit <https://ntca.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships> to find a link to the scholarship platform, *Kaleidoscope*. You must access the application via the Kaleidoscope link.