

2018



College Scholarship Program



FOUNDATION FOR
RURAL SERVICE

Make Sure Your Application is Complete:

- Completed Application Form (original, plus 1 photocopy)
- Transcript (7 semesters, original, plus 1 photocopy)
- 300-word Essay (original, plus 1 photocopy)
- Educator's Statement (original, plus 1 photocopy)
- Letter of Recommendation (original, plus 1 photocopy)
- Postmarked to Plateau by **February 1, 2018**

Do not seal any of the documents, if possible.

Must have all items on checklist to be considered. Incomplete applications, including photocopies will not be considered and returned to applicant. Submit all materials together.



The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with the NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through its various programs and initiatives, the FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth.

Eligibility

Each applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Be a dependent¹ of an active Cooperative member who is currently receiving landline telephone service from Plateau in one of the Cooperative's 26 service exchange areas². **(Subscriptions to services other than landline telephone provided by Plateau do not qualify. Landline service outside the Cooperative's exchange areas does not qualify.)**
- 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.

Application Instructions

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information. Complete the scholarship application in full (original, plus one photocopy). If any information is incomplete, including photocopies, the application will be rejected.
- Prepare a 300-word essay on one of the following topics (original, plus one photocopy):
 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. 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. *Please ask the author to enclose the original plus one photocopy of his/her statement with this application.*
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader other than an educator (examples include telephone company personnel, elected official, local business leader, etc.). *Please ask the author to enclose the original plus one photocopy of his/her letter with this application.*

- Include two copies of your transcripts, including the most recent semester. 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 and photocopies **must** be submitted together.
- Return the completed application to Plateau postmarked by **February 1, 2018**.
- Incomplete applications, including photocopies will be returned to the applicant without consideration.

- In 2018, the FRS will award scholarships per geographic region of the NTCA membership and one sponsored by an NTCA associate member³. The awards will be distributed proportionate to the number of applications received per region. The FRS will fund \$2,000 of each scholarship, with Plateau providing a \$500 match.
- Four \$5,000 Staurulakis Family Scholarships will be awarded, with a preference to students who are majoring in math, science, engineering or medicine.
- Two \$1,500 TMS Scholarships will be awarded to students.
- One \$7,000 Everett Kneece Scholarship will be awarded.
- Three \$500 Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships.

Terms and Conditions

- 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 by August 2018.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications (including those submitted without requested photocopies) will not be considered and returned to the applicant. Refer to the checklist on the application form to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- Winners will forfeit their scholarship if mandatory paperwork is not received by the FRS within 60 days of notification that they have won.
- Winners will be posted on the FRS (www.frs.org) and Plateau (www.plateautel.com) websites in May 2018.

¹ For the purpose of scholarship eligibility, a *dependent* is a child that meets the IRS rules as a qualifying child for tax purposes and has been classified as a dependent student on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

² For the purposes of scholarship eligibility, a Cooperative member is defined as a person, business or organization that receives landline telephone service from a Central Office located within the Cooperative's service area. Landline phone numbers beginning with these prefixes will generally qualify as Cooperative memberships — 279 (House), 355 (Fort Sumner), 357 (Grady), 372 (Weber City), 374 (Clayton), 389 (Pleasant Hill), 421 (El Valle), 422 (White Lakes), 423 (Bingham), 427 (Anton Chico), 456 (Bellview), 458 (Ragland), 472 (Santa Rosa), 481 (Farwell, TX), 485 (Roy), 487 (Logan), 575 (East Glenrio), 576 (San Jon), 584 (Vaughn), 633 (Nara Visa), 641 (Trementina), 673 (Mosquero), 683 (South Clovis), 849 (Corona), 868 (Conchas Dam) or 985 (Ranchvale). Subscriptions to services other than landline telephone provided by Plateau do not qualify. Landline service outside the Cooperative's exchange areas does not qualify.

³ Associate members include businesses that provide goods and services to the telecommunications industry and are current members of NTCA and participants in the FRS Scholarship Program.



Instructions:

1. Please fill out all pages of this application and mail with **all attachments** and **one photocopy of all materials** to:

**FRS Scholarship Program
Plateau
P.O. Box 1947
Clovis, N.M. 88102-1947**

- 2. Please type (preferred) or print all information in black or blue ink. No pencil.
- 3. Include all requested attachments and photocopies with application.
- 4. **Postmark application to Plateau no later than February 1, 2018.**

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cooperative Member's Qualifying Telephone Number *(will be used to determine eligibility, see footnotes 1&2 on page 2)* () _____

Telephone Number (if different than above) () _____ Gender: Male Female

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____ Day Time Phone Number () _____

High School _____ High School Telephone Number () _____

Grade Point Average *(please provide your un-weighted 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 |
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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 |
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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.

Table with 4 columns: 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.

Table with 3 columns: 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 (no pencil). 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 in blue or black ink (no pencil), 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.
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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 the Foundation for Rural Service and Plateau 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 (to be completed by Plateau)

I hereby commit Plateau to provide the \$500 scholarship match required in the event that our sponsored applicant is selected a winner in the FRS scholarship program.

Signature of CEO

Date

David J. Robinson, Plateau CEO
Printed Name of Sponsoring CEO
Telephone Number: 1.800.432.2369
City: Clovis State: N.M.
NTCA Region: Southwest

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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.

***Teacher/Counselor:** Please fill out and make one copy before returning to 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 _____

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Questions: 1.800.432.2369 ext. 4241

*For additional information about the FRS
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[http://www.plateautel.com/company/
scholarships/](http://www.plateautel.com/company/scholarships/)*



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