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WEST CAROLINA RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

West Carolina Tel, your local technology solutions cooperative, is a strong advocate for higher education and the economic, cultural and social well-being of those in the communities within its service area.

This year, once again, **West Carolina Tel is providing an annual scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00** which is renewable for up to three additional, consecutive years providing the student continues to meet the qualifications of the Scholarship Program. This scholarship is ***not*** based on the student's grade point average.

West Carolina Tel is also an annual partner with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) who, in cooperation with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), offers several scholarships to rural high school seniors.

By submitting an application to the FRS Scholarships, the student will also be applying for the West Carolina Tel Scholarship. Please note that in addition to other eligibility requirements, the parents or guardians of the student **must be a member of West Carolina Tel and remain a member each and every remaining year of eligibility.**

Should a student win one of the FRS Scholarships, the student will also be awarded the West Carolina Tel Scholarship. Should multiple West Carolina Tel applicants be awarded a FRS scholarship, the top candidate as determined by the FRS Scholarship Selection Committee will be awarded the West Carolina Tel Scholarship.

Should a FRS Scholarship not be awarded to a West Carolina Tel applicant, the West Carolina Tel Scholarship will be awarded to the West Carolina Tel applicant judged to be the next best qualified by the FRS Scholarship selection committee.

Enclosed, please find a scholarship application from the Foundation for Rural Service. The application is easily reproduced. Please feel free to copy this letter and application as needed.

All rules, eligibility guidelines, instructions and terms and conditions of the FRS Scholarship shall apply with the following exceptions:

We feel that it is not appropriate for a West Carolina Tel directors or employees to provide a letter of recommendation. We would not want to show any favoritism toward any particular candidate.

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A copy of the application and all accompanying materials must be sent to me at one of the following addresses **by February 14th in order for us to validate the application.**

West Carolina Tel
Attn: Virginia Smith
PO Box 610
Abbeville, SC 29620

OR

virginia.smith@wctel.com

The winner of the West Carolina Tel Scholarship shall be notified by a company representative.

The FRS Scholarship will be paid directly to the student; however, the West Carolina Tel Scholarship shall be paid directly to the institution of higher education.

The recipient may continue to receive \$2,000.00 per year for an additional three consecutive years provided that a 2.5 GPA is maintained, satisfactory progress towards a degree is made and the recipient does not bring dishonor to the Scholarship Program due to clearly inappropriate activity as determined by the West Carolina Tel Scholarship Team. Award renewals will be paid upon receipt of a request for scholarship renewal from the student including a copy of the student's grade transcript and proof of registration at an institute of higher education.

The recipient shall, on an annual basis meet with the West Carolina Tel Board and attend the Cooperatives Annual Membership Meeting held in August.

We are very excited to bring these scholarship opportunities to your school! Please help make it a success by ensuring that all eligible students have an opportunity to apply.

Respectfully,



Virginia Smith
Marketing Representative
West Carolina Tel

Should you have any questions, please email me at virginia.smith@wctel.com, or call me at (864) 446-9254.