

Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Iowa Communications Alliance is pleased to announce the availability of a college scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to high school seniors or students currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The purpose of this support is to aid students from rural areas across Iowa with financial assistance to pursue higher education.

Applications are due by March 18, 2016.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior or current student enrolled in an institution of higher learning
- Be accepted/or be enrolled by an accredited four-year college/university
- Live in a household that receives any local telecommunication service from an Iowa Communications Alliance member. (Contact your provider to determine if they belong to the Alliance.)
- Express an interest to live and work in a rural community following graduation

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The application must be completed online at www.IACommunicationsALL.org.
- Complete the scholarship application in full including all signatures, supporting documents and letters of recommendation. If any information is incomplete, the application will not be considered.
- Prepare an essay of no more than 300 words on one of the following topics:
 - Describe your most significant accomplishment and explain why you believe it exemplifies you as an individual.
 - What industry or opportunity would entice you to return to a rural community after completing your education, and why?
 - Describe the community in which you live and indicate how it has influenced the person you are
- Include your most recent grade transcript with social security number blackened out, except the last 4 (all semesters must be represented).
- Do not include any photographs with your application.
- All signatures must be provided where indicated on the application
- All materials, along with recommendation letters, must be submitted with this application

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All applications will be reviewed and the winner selected by a Selection Committee appointed by the Iowa Communications Alliance Board of Directors.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis, with recipients of the scholarship ineligible for future awards. Awards will be paid once (and only after) proof of enrollment is submitted to the Iowa Communications Alliance. Funds will be sent directly to the school in the student's name.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist on the application form to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- The winner will forfeit the scholarship if the mandatory proof of enrollment is not received by the Iowa Communications Alliance within 60 days of the start of the first semester.
- **The winner will be selected by May 6.**