



# THE VOICE FOR CONNECTIVITY

## Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Iowa Communications Alliance is pleased to announce the availability of one college scholarship to high school seniors payable at \$1,500 per year for up to four years (up to \$6,000). Our mission is to assist students from rural areas across Iowa with financial assistance to pursue higher education and to stay in rural Iowa after graduation.

### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must satisfy all of the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be accepted/or be enrolled by an accredited two or four-year college/university or vocational school.
- Receive any local telecommunication service from an Iowa Communications Alliance member and be from a rural area.
- Have a least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or 4.5 on a 5.0 scale for a cumulative grade point average.
- Express an interest to live and work in a rural community following graduation.
- Be sponsored by your local telecommunications service provider (contact your provider to determine if they are a member).
- Children of Iowa Communications Alliance member employees are not eligible for the general scholarship, but are eligible for Member Employee Scholarship.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The application can be accessed online at [www.IACommunicationsALL.org](http://www.IACommunicationsALL.org), completed electronically and include all attachments.
- Complete the scholarship application in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will not be considered.
- Prepare a 300-word essay:
  - Describe your most significant accomplishment and explain how you can apply that in your rural community following graduation. Please provide any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (i.e. parents laid off, hardships overcome, family needs).
- Include your most recent grade transcript with social security number masked out.
- Do not include any photographs with your application.
- **The Application deadline is March 13, 2018.**

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All applications will be reviewed, and the recipients chosen by a Selection Committee appointed by the Iowa Communications Alliance Board of Directors.
- Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis, with recipients of the scholarship ineligible for future awards. Awards will be paid once an official transcript at the completion of the first semester 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.
- The scholarship recipient will forfeit the scholarship if the mandatory transcript is not received by the Iowa Communications Alliance within 60 days of completing the first semester of school.
- Recipients must maintain a GPA of 2.75 annually or above to retain their status.
- **Scholarship recipient will be selected and notified by May 1.**