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Member Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Iowa Communications Alliance is pleased to announce the availability of college scholarship to high school seniors payable at \$1,500 per year for up to four years (up to \$6,000 total). 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. Please note that all identifying information relating to applicants shall remain anonymous from Scholarship Committee while in review.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must satisfy all the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Have a parent or guardian currently employed by or serving as a director of an Iowa Communications Alliance "Active Member" Company as defined in the Iowa Communications Alliance bylaws.
- Be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited two or four-year college/university or vocational school.
- Have a least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.0 on a 5.0 scale for a cumulative grade point average.
- Express an interest to live and work in a rural community following graduation.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- The application can be accessed online at 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.
- You will be asked to upload a document containing the following items. Please have this prepared prior to starting the online form as it will help to prevent you from being timed out of the form.
 - **Extracurricular Activities** - List all activities in which you have participated in the past 4 years (i.e. music, athletics, school government, clubs). For each item listed, include:
 - Activity Description
 - Years of Participation
 - **Awards and Honors** received in the past 4 years. For each item listed, include:
 - Award/Honor
 - Year Received
 - Description
 - **Community and Volunteer Activities** in the past 4 years. For each item listed, include:
 - Activity
 - Year
 - Total Months Participated
 - Average Hours per Week
 - Your Position
 - Description

- **Work experience** over the last two years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. For each item listed, include:
 - Company/Employer
 - Position
 - Average Hours
 - Job Description
- Prepare a 300-word essay on the following topic:
 - Please share with the review committee why you are deserving of this scholarship and how the scholarship would impact your educational endeavors. Please also share how you plan to use your degree following the completion of your education.
- 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 11, 2020.**

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All applications will be reviewed, and the winners selected 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. 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 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 2.5 or above to retain their status.
- **Scholarship recipient will be selected and notified by May 1.**