

Scholarship Awards

Three scholarships will be awarded to Nex-Tech applicants, and three scholarships will be awarded to Rural Telephone applicants.

1st: \$1,500 2nd: \$1,000 3rd: \$500

Scholarships are awarded on a one-time, non-renewable basis, and recipients must enroll as full-time college students.

Eligibility

➔ Nex-Tech Eligibility

High school seniors residing in the following communities and surrounding rural areas: Almena, Great Bend, Hays, Hoxie, Norcat, Norton, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Smith Center or Stockton and whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) subscribes to one or more communication services* (local phone, long distance, TV, or Internet) are eligible to apply.

*Excludes Nex-Tech Wireless service.

➔ Rural Telephone Eligibility

High school seniors residing within Rural Telephone's service area and whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) subscribes to one or more communication services* (local phone, long distance, TV, or Internet) are eligible to apply. *Excludes Nex-Tech Wireless service.

Eligibility Questions: Contact Lisa Wagoner or Jacque Beckman at 877-567-7872.

Immediate family members of Nex-Tech and Rural Telephone employees are not eligible.

Award Selection Process

A scholarship committee consisting of Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone employees will review the applications and select finalists to be interviewed. Interviews will be conducted at the business office in Lenora, Kansas, in March 2012, and winners will be announced in April 2012. Scholarship awards will be issued directly to the college in August 2012, or at the next available enrollment date if the winner is on an enrollment waiting list.

Application

The application must include the following items to be considered complete:

1. Completed and signed Application Form and Applicant Profile.
2. An essay addressing the following (500 word minimum): Identify and discuss a significant problem facing your generation. How does this problem impact you directly or society as a whole and what implications does it have on the future of your generation? Express your idea(s) on a possible solution to the problem.
3. Certified high school transcript **showing cumulative GPA.**

Deadline

Completed applications must be received at the business office in Lenora, Kansas, **on or before 5 p.m., January 31, 2012.** Applications sent via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please mail completed applications to:

**Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 158
Lenora, KS 67645**

