

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ABOUT: Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (dba Taylor Telecom) was incorporated in the State of Texas on October 10, 1951, to provide communication service for its rural members. We continue to strive to provide total quality communications service and community leadership to the areas we serve. As part of the Cooperative's dedication and commitment to education and to Rural America's youth, a Scholarship Program was established in 1996.

DETAILS: For the **2025–2026 school year**, the Scholarship Program will award **20 scholarships**, each valued at **\$5,000**, to eligible students. Scholarships will be paid directly to the university, college, or vocational institute of the student's choice in two equal installments:

- \$2,500 for the first semester.
- \$2,500 for the second consecutive semester, provided the student successfully completes at least 12 credit hours during the first semester and remains enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for the second semester.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants pursuing university, college, or vocational-technical degrees will receive equal consideration. While academic performance is considered, selection will be based on a holistic review of the application. The Committee will evaluate demonstrated leadership, extracurricular involvement, community service, work experience, honors and awards, and the clarity and thoughtfulness of the written responses. Optional personal or financial circumstances shared may also be considered.

ELIGIBILITY: Any senior student whose parent or legal guardian has active service with Taylor Telecom may make an application. The parent or legal guardian must retain an active account status through the release of all scholarship funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Scholarship applications will be available at the following:

- All schools within the Taylor Telecom service area upon request
- Online at www.taylortel.net/scholarships/

DUE DATE: All application materials must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2026**, through the following website: www.taylortel.net/scholarships/. Any scholarship application not completed in its entirety, **including all required attachments**, will be disqualified.

AWARD DATE: The Scholarship Committee, consisting of five individuals selected by the Board of Directors and Management, will determine the students who will receive awards. **Scholarship selections will be made in April, and recipients will be announced in early May.**