Dear Graduating Senior,

Congratulations on your upcoming high school graduation. Cordova Telecom Cooperative and Cordova Wireless Communications support our youth from K-12th grades. We continue supporting motivated students beyond high school through our scholarship program. Attached, you will find the following:

Scholarship Offering List
Scholarship Award Criteria
CTC/CWC Scholarship Application & Essay Prompt
Scholarship Application Scoring Rubric

Before beginning your application, take time to review all the application materials closely. Our scholarships are highly competitive, and applications are scrutinized in detail by a scholarship committee. Incomplete questions, not following instructions or missing application components may result in students not being selected for scholarship awards.

Scholarship awards will be announced at the Cordova Telecom Cooperative Annual Membership Meeting in March of 2027.

We look forward to receiving your application,
Cordova Telecom Cooperative

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT
CORDOVA TELECOM COOPERATIVE BUSINESS OFFICE
611 SECOND STREET BY
February 19, 2027, by 5:00 PM

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SCHOLARSHIP OFFERINGS FOR 2027 GRADUATING SENIORS:

WTA Foundation Academic and Trade Scholarships: CTC is a member of the Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) who sponsors the Academic and Trade Scholarships every year. The student's parent or guardian must be an employee or Board member of the Cordova Telecom Cooperative. This Scholarship focuses on Leadership qualities, character and involvement in community activities. This application must be completed online at https://w-t-a.org/about/foundation/. Applications usually open in early November. Application Deadline: **TBD – Usually end of February.**

CTC & the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS): This national scholarship is offered in partnership with the FRS to further the education of rural youth. Should a Cordova youth be selected to receive one of the 30 scholarships ($2,000 each), CTC will contribute an additional $500, bringing the total scholarship award to $2,500. Note that this application requires a signature by CTC's General Manager, Jeremiah Beckett. www.frs.org/programs/youth-programs/scholarships Application Deadline: **February, 2027**

CTC: CTC will award a scholarship to a senior for attendance at an accredited academic or vocational institution. Qualifications include: The student's parent or guardian must be an active member of Cordova Telephone Cooperative; the student has been a resident of Alaska for not less than four years or has attended school in Cordova for at least two years; and has demonstrated success in an academic or vocational field. Application Deadline: **February 19, 2027**

CWC: CWC will award a scholarship to a senior for attendance at an accredited academic or vocational institution. Qualifications include: The student's parent or guardian must be a paying plan customer of Cordova Wireless Communications; the student has been a resident of Alaska for not less than four years or has attended school in Cordova for at least two years; and has demonstrated success in an academic or vocational field. Application Deadline: **February 19, 2027**

Alaska Telephone Association (ATA): ATA offers this scholarship to students sponsored by CTC. Applicants must have a definite goal in the field of telecommunications to apply. This application can be completed online at alaskatel.org/scholarships. Application should be available in February 2026. Deadline for Applications: **TBD- check their website for updates (typically deadline falls in early to mid-April).**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AGE 15, 16, OR 17 YEARS OLD:

Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour: CTC sends a student to attend this expense paid, chaperoned tour of Washington, DC; giving the student a wonderful opportunity to spend four days in the Nation's Capital visiting famous historic sites, with a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry and the legislative and governmental process. See FRS Youth Tour flyer for information about submitting an essay application. Deadline for Essay: **JANUARY 14, 2027**

CTC/CWC Scholarship Applications are available at the CHS Guidance Counselor's Office or at CTC's main office on 2nd Street. Contact Christi Banks at 907-424-2345 or email christi@ctcak.coop.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CRITERIA

Cordova Telecom Cooperative scholarship is to be awarded for attendance at an accredited academic or vocational institution.

Qualification for all scholarship recipients are as follows:

- Has attended Cordova Junior/Senior High School, a designated charter, or home school for their Junior and Senior years.
- Is of good character.
- Plans to attend an accredited post-secondary school or a vocational training program.
- Parent/guardian must be a member/user of the Cordova Telecom Cooperative/Cordova Wireless Communications.
- An official high school transcript is required.
- Essay and Application must be typed.
- Essay must be 300-500 words.
- Include three letters of recommendation.
- Application must be filled out entirely, a resume does not replace answering each application section.
- Scholarship amount is split between the first two semesters. To remain eligible after the first semester, the recipient must be a full-time student and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

CTC APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED:

ATTN: Christi Banks

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611 SECOND STREET

By 5:00 PM, February 19th, 2027

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2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Mailing Address:
4. Physical Address:
5. Phone Number (If we need to contact you regarding an award or interview):
6. Years Attending School in Cordova:
7. Names of Parents or Legal Guardians:
8. School, Trade School, College, or University You Plan to Attend:
9. Have You Applied to This School?
10. Have You Been Accepted?
11. Planned Area of Study (Fully explain what this scholarship will be used for):
12. Future Educational Goals:
13. High School Activities:
14. Offices Held / Positions of Responsibility in High School Activities:
15. Community Activities / Positions of Responsibility:
16. Honors and Awards:

17. After School Hours and Summer Employment. (Please include the name of your employer, the type of work you performed, and the dates of employment):

18. Are You Willing to be Interviewed by the Scholarship Committee?

19. List any information that might be helpful for the Committee as they review your application. This is your chance to shine and tell us anything we didn't ask about:

20. Are Your Parents / Legal Guardians Paying Plan Members of CTC, CWC, or Both?

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

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ESSAY

Essay must answer the prompt question below, be 300-500 words in length and typed.

Essay Prompt:
What personal, professional, and academic qualities make you worthy of a scholarship from Cordova Telecom Cooperative?

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC

1. Application Presentation Section Score_____

4-5 pts

- Application is carefully completed and well presented.
- Instructions were followed.
- Application was typed, proofed, and free of errors.
- Application is signed.

2-3 pts

- Application is complete.
- Instructions were followed.
- Application was typed, but there should have been greater attention to proofing and clarity.
- Application is signed.

1 pt.

- Application is incomplete.
- Instructions were followed, but information was poorly organized.
- Application was typed, but it doesn't appear to have been proofed.
- Application is signed.

0 pts

- Application is incomplete.
- Not all instructions were followed.
- Application was not typed and contained multiple errors in grammar or spelling.
- Application was not signed.

2. Essay Section Score_____

4-5 pts

- The piece addressed/answered the essay prompt and met the word count requirements.
- The piece was well organized written in a compelling style and voice.
- Virtually no spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.
- Essay provides insight into the applicant's character, strengths, and educational goals.

2-3 pts

- The piece addressed/answered the essay prompt and met the word count requirements.
- The piece was somewhat organized and written in a compelling style and voice.
- Few spelling and punctuation errors, minor grammatical errors.

- Essay provides insight into the applicant's character, strengths, and educational goals.

1 pt.

- The piece did a little to address/answer the essay prompt and word count was minimally off.
- The piece lacked organization.
- Several spelling or grammatical errors.
- Essay provides some insight into the applicant's character, strengths, and educational goals.

0 pts

- The piece was off-topic or did not address the essay prompt and word count was not met.
- The piece lacked organization.
- So many grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors that it interferes with the meaning.
- Essay little to no insight into the applicant's character, strengths, and educational goals.

3. Letters of Recommendation Section Score_____

4-5 pts

- Three letters of recommendation are included. Includes a letter from each of the following: A teacher (or former teacher), an employer or someone the student has done work for, and a person of the applicant's choice (preferably someone in a profession or field that the applicant desires to work in one day).

2-3 pts

- Two letters of recommendation are included. Includes a letter from two of the following: A teacher (or former teacher), an employer or someone the student has done work for, and a person of the applicant's choice (preferably someone in a profession or field that the applicant desires to work in one day).

1 pt.

- At least one letter of recommendation included. Includes a letter from at least one of the following: A teacher (or former teacher), an employer or someone the student has done work for, and a person of the applicant's choice (preferably someone in a profession or field that the applicant desires to work in one day).

0 pts

- Does not include letters of recommendation.

4. Academic Engagement Section Score_____

4-5 pts

- 3.5 or higher GPA (4.0 is automatic 5 points).
- Academic experiences that far exceed basic graduation requirements.

- Participation in multiple academic related activities/ clubs/ organizations.
- Adequately describes involvement.
- Transcript included.

2-3 pts

- 3.0 or higher GPA.
- Academic experiences that moderately exceed basic graduation requirements.
- Limited participation in academic related activities/ clubs/ organizations.
- Does not adequately describe involvement.
- Transcript included.

1 pt.

- 2.5 or higher GPA.
- Meets basic graduation requirements.
- No participation in academic related activities/ clubs/ organizations.
- Transcript included.

0 pts

- Under 2.5 GPA.
- Did not include transcript.

Bonus Points: Section Score_____

1 pt. Has attended Cordova Junior/Senior High School, a designated charter, or home school for their Junior and Senior years.

1 pt. Plans to attend a trade or vocational school, or pursuing a discipline related to telecommunications, including but not limited to computer science, business, or finance.

1 pt. Student also applied for ATA/FRS/WTA Scholarships (include screen shot or proof of application).

1 pt. Parent or guardian is a member of **BOTH** Cordova Telecom and Cordova Wireless.

TOTAL POINTS _____/24