

2026 West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Scholarship Application

Rules and Requirements

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will award scholarships to be disbursed in 50% increments per semester. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May, 2025. High school seniors in the WTRT service area who will graduate this spring, high school graduates, and GED holders from these communities are eligible for the scholarships, subject to the following requirements:

1. **Your parents or guardians must be members of WTRT or you must be a WTRT member yourself.**, with a telephone prefix of 258,276, 265, 578, 825, 295, 357, 225, or 289. All others, including Friona 250 and Bovina 251 prefixes are ineligible. The WTRT scholarship may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

2. Your application form must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo. Do not submit computer photos on plain paper. One letter must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that you are attending or graduated from, or that issued your GED. If you have been out of high school a number of years, you may obtain a letter from a college or trade school instructor or counselor. You must be graduating from high school this spring, have graduated high school, or have completed your GED in order to be eligible.

3. **Your application must be fully completed, typed or legibly printed, have no attachments other than the photo and letters of recommendation, and MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICES OF WEST TEXAS RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, P.O. BOX 1737 (physical location 3425 South U.S. Highway 385) HEREFORD, TEXAS 79045, NO LATER THAN APRIL 6, 2026.**

4. You may be asked to attend an interview at the discretion of the WTRT board of directors.

5. **Recipients must maintain a minimum of 12 earned/credited hours throughout each semester, or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools. A copy of grades will be required at the end of each semester to verify maintenance of a minimum 12 hours per semester.** Grades should be sent to Scholarship Administrator, West Texas Rural Telephone, P.O. Box 1737 Hereford, TX 79045. **Failure to comply with grade reporting and a minimum 12 earned/credited hours requirements per semester means forfeiture of the following semester's payment. Recipients must provide proof of enrollment or pre-enrollment.** Should a recipient drop out of school for any reason, the unused portion of the scholarship will be rescinded. Scholarship funds must be used within one year unless prior arrangements are made. **If class scheduling conflicts create a problem, please notify the Scholarship Administrator.**

Questions may be directed to the offices of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. 3425 South U.S. Highway 385, Hereford, Texas, 806-364-3331.

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Be sure that you have read and complied with the accompanying requirement list prior to submitting your application. Please type, or print legibly.

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Social Security Number _____ Age: _____

Address _____
Box or Street City State Zip

Name of Parents or Guardian:

Father/Stepfather Address Phone# Occupation

Mother/Stepmother Address Phone # Occupation

List the names and ages of the children still at home under the responsibility of parents:

How many members of your family will be in college next year? _____

PART II. HIGH SCHOOL/GED INFORMATION

Date of graduation or certification: _____ High school attended, or issuing GED _____

Number in graduating class: _____ Rank in graduating class: _____

PART III. COLLEGE INFORMATION

Field or trade in which you plan to major or are majoring : _____

Name of College, University, Vocational School or Trade School you plan to or are attending:

Have you been accepted for admission to a college or university? ____ Date Applied: _____

If not already accepted, have you made application for admission? ____ Date to apply: _____

PART IV. SCHOOL/EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

List your **community service** work, (how have you given back to your community?) activities with church, civic groups, etc. within your community, and/or school-related extra-curricular activities. (You may use the back of this sheet to list additional information.)

Activities: (Be sure to state level of involvement, such as officer, etc. Limit school activities to class years grades 9-12.) Include college-level activities if currently attending college.

Special Recognition, Awards, and Honors, and Group or Activity sponsoring award:

List hobbies, special recognition, awards, and honors received. (You may use the back of this sheet to list additional information.)

For graduating seniors, list employment during high school and summers, beginning with present. For post-high school applicants, list employers, beginning with present, and job responsibilities.

Employment/Supervisor's Name	Position	From month/year
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Please explain, in 250 words, or less, why you feel you are in need of financial aid toward higher education. What have you done to merit such help? What is your motivation for attending college/trade school? State your plans and goals for furthering your education.

Student/Applicant's Signature_____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature_____ **Date**_____