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2021 Iowa Communications Alliance Scholarships

Traditional Scholarship

The Iowa Communications Alliance is offering one \$1,500 college scholarship to a high school senior who lives in a member service territory. 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. The application form is now available at www.iacomcommunicationsall.org/ica-scholarship-programs



Member Scholarship

Along with our traditional scholarship, we are excited to announce the availability of one \$1,500 scholarship to be awarded to a high school senior whose parent or guardian is currently employed by an Iowa Communications Alliance "Active Member" Company! 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. The application form is now available at www.iacomcommunicationsall.org/ica-scholarship-programs

Next Gen Scholars Program

The Iowa Communications Alliance Next Gen Scholars program was created in response to our member companies need for skilled technicians. This program is available to students planning to pursue **either** the **Network Technology - Telecommunications Certificate** or the **Network Technology - Telecom/Data Communications AAS Degree**.

The process begins with recruitment, followed by an application and approval process. After the candidates are approved, the Iowa Communications Alliance, a sponsoring ICA member company, DMACC, and student split the tuition costs for the program. The sponsoring company may offer a mentoring program including paid or unpaid internship opportunities while the student attends DMACC. Successful completion of the DMACC program usually qualifies graduates for an interview at the sponsoring company with a competitive salary and excellent advancement potential, though there is no guarantee of employment.



Next Gen Scholars Program Benefits

For the Students include:

- Apply real-world skills and experience to classroom instruction
- Receive support for education expenses
- Be considered for full-time employment

For the Sponsoring Company include:

- Access to motivated students who possess a wide range of skills and potential to complete a rigorous academic and experiential curriculum
- Opportunity to observe students' skills and work habits for a possible full-time job after graduation
- Improve the pipeline of skilled workers for employment

There is no set deadline for the Next Gen Scholars Program. Interested students and member companies should contact Iowa Communications Alliance for additional information.



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Scholarship Application Guidelines

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ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must satisfy all of the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be accepted by or be enrolled in an accredited two or four-year college/university or vocational school.
- Receive any qualifying service from an Iowa Communications Alliance service provider member and be from a rural area.
- Have a least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or 4.5 on a 5.0 scale for a cumulative grade point average.
- Express an interest to live and work in a rural community following graduation.
- Be sponsored by your local telecommunications service provider (contact your provider to determine if they are a member).
- Children of Iowa Communications Alliance member employees are not eligible for the general scholarship but are eligible for Member Employee Scholarship.

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.
- Prepare a 300-word essay:
 - 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 4, 2021.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All applications will be reviewed, and the recipients chosen 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. Scholarships are not renewable. Awards will be paid once proof of enrollment 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.
- Scholarship recipient will be selected and notified by May 1.



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ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must satisfy all of the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Have a parent or guardian currently employed by or serving as a director or be a current employee 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.

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