

## Member Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Iowa Communications Alliance is pleased to announce the availability of two \$2500 college scholarships. 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.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must satisfy all of the following:

- Be a graduating high school senior or a current fulltime undergraduate college/university student who will be continuing their undergraduate education in the 2022-2023 academic year
- 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.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- The application can be accessed online at www.IACommunicationsALL.org and must be completed electronically.
- Complete the scholarship application in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will not be considered.
- Prepare essay responses to **2 of the 3** questions listed below. Your essays should list each question you selected followed by your response. You will upload your essay document as a pdf within the online application form.
  - Describe a situation when you faced an obstacle or adversity and how you overcame it.
  - How have you made an impact on others?
  - How do you define success?
- 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, 2022.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- All applications will be reviewed, and the winners selected by a Selection Committee appointed by the Iowa Communications Alliance Board of Directors.
- Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis.
- Awards will be paid once proof of enrollment is submitted to the Iowa Communications Alliance, with 50% of the award paid for the Fall semester and 50% paid for the Spring semester.
- Funds will be sent directly to the school in the student's name.
- Recipients of the scholarship are ineligible for future awards.
- Scholarships are not renewable.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist on the application form to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- Scholarship recipient will be selected and notified by May 1.

Please note that all identifying information relating to applicants shall remain anonymous from Scholarship Committee while in review.