



2022 Averly Scholarship Recipient, Harley Eggers, with Averly SkyLine Directors, Bill Bureson (Left) and D.C. Smith (Right)

## 2023 Frank James – SkyLine Scholarship

In the spring of 2023, SkyLine will award a total of \$25,000 to children of SkyLine and SkyBest customers to aid with the cost of a college education. Five \$1,000 scholarships, renewable up to four years, will be awarded to students who will attend a four-year college or university. Five \$500 scholarships, renewable up to two years, will be presented to students who will attend a two-year community/technical college. The Board of Directors established the Frank James – SkyLine Scholarship in 1987. The scholarship is named in memory of Frank James, former SkyLine Board President, rural telephone advocate, longtime educator and superintendent of Ashe County Schools. Eligible applicants must be children of current full-time residents who have a SkyLine membership or SkyBest telephone/broadband services account of at least one year; and be graduating high school seniors (including home-schooled students) in the co-op's five-county service area (Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watuaga and Johnson). The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, financial need, demonstrated leadership and community involvement. Application packages will be available at area high school guidance departments and all SkyLine Customer Centers beginning February 1. The deadline for this local scholarship is March 10.

## Application Deadline is February 8 FRS Scholarship Program Continues Online Application

If you have a son or daughter graduating from high school this spring, he or she may be eligible for the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship sponsored locally by SkyLine Membership Corporation. The FRS is continuing its online application process, and the deadline for application is February 8.

The FRS will award one-year scholarships in each geographic region of the NTEA membership to graduating high school seniors whose families are served by NTEA member organizations. For each FRS general scholarship, FRS provides \$2,000 and the sponsoring NTEA member company provides \$500.

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## Co-op Camp Returns in 2023

The Cooperative Council of North Carolina announced the dates of its annual Cooperative Leadership Camp, a weeklong summer program for high school students sponsored by cooperative organizations throughout the state, including SkyLine.



2022 Co-op Camp Attendee, Phoebe Wagoner, stands with her mom, Christi Wagoner, before heading to the bus stop in Greensboro. Christi is a former Co-op Camp participant, and she won the Jim Graham Cooperative Leadership Scholarship her senior year of high school.

Scheduled June 26 through 30, the overnight camping program will take place at the lakefront Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill, North Carolina.

Co-op Camp is an experiential learning process where the teens form a worker/owner tee shirt cooperative, elect a board, hire a general manager, and design, produce and distribute tee shirts. Throughout the week, they learn about leadership, cooperative governance, and the cooperative business principles.

The teams put together cooper-

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## 2023 FRS Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The FRS announced the 2023 dates for the annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The event is scheduled for May 31 through June 4.

This year, SkyLine will continue to sponsor this annual, unmatched experience. SkyLine will sponsor two high school juniors to be among over 100 students to attend. Established in 1996, the FRS Tour brings rural students from across the United States to our nation's capital for a five-day visit to some of the most historical sites in the U.S. While here, students also learn about the telecommunications industry, as well as the regulatory and legislative processes. Educational sessions on these topics are greatly enhanced by both site visits to the U.S. Capitol and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in addition to meetings with industry leaders and members of Congress. The students also receive ample time to explore the many attractions. The group visits such sites as the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials; the Korean, Vietnam and new World War II Memorials; Mount Vernon, home of George Washington; the Smithsonian Museums; and much more.

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In addition to the FRS general scholarships, the organization has the following named scholarships\*:

- Diana Jo Dryer Memorial Scholarship - Sponsored by INDATEL Services
- Everett Kneece Scholarship
- Sarah Tyree Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship
- JSI Scholarships
- TMS Scholarships
- Roger Cox Memorial Scholarship

\*Submitting one application is sufficient for eligibility of all available scholarships.

According to the FRS, more than two-thirds of rural Americans with postsecondary degrees never return to their rural communities, so this program gives particular emphasis to those students who plan to return to their community following college. Eligibility requirements include the following:

- Applicants must be children of SkyLine members or SkyBest customers who subscribe to either company's facilities-based services.
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors and reside full-time with their parents(s) in the companies' service area.
- Applicants must have at least a C grade-point-average (GPA).
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- Applicants must express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation.
- Applications must be sponsored by SkyLine, an NTCA-member company.

Note: Children of SkyLine employees or directors are not eligible for this scholarship.

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through its various programs and initiatives, FRS strongly supports the continuing education of rural youth. If any SkyLine-sponsored students are named winners, they will be announced in May, in conjunction with area high school awards day programs.

If you have any additional questions about the FRS Scholarship, please contact Edward Hinson at SkyLine's corporate offices at 1-800-759-2226.



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To be eligible to apply, the student's parents must receive telephone or internet services from SkyLine or SkyBest, and the student must be a rising high school senior in the co-op's five-county service area. Other requirements include:

- submitted statement of future plans beyond high school;
- 300-word essay on a specified topic;
- 3.25 minimum grade-point-average (GPA);
- recommendation from a teacher or school official;
- involvement in school organizations;
- community volunteer activities.

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Applications for the Youth Tour will be available at area high school guidance departments, all SkyLine Customer Center locations, and on the SkyLine website ([www.skybest.com](http://www.skybest.com)) beginning February 1. For more information, contact Edward Hinson at 1-800-759-2226.

active principles skits, have a leadership awards banquet night, and learn what it means to be a part of the greater good that cooperatives offer. The week also includes workshops from a wide range of cooperative industries including the agriculture sector, credit unions, retail and telephone/broadband and electric utilities. Every activity is hands-on and interactive. Camp also includes swimming, canoeing, sports, games and meeting new friends from all across the state.

Bus transportation to and from designated stopping points along the route are provided through the camp sponsorship. SkyLine/SkyBest will provide student transportation to the nearest bus stop location.

SkyLine will sponsor up to 10 area high school students to attend this year's program, and student participants are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 Jim Graham Cooperative Leadership Scholarship during their senior year of high school. Camp applications will be available through area high school guidance departments, all SkyLine Customer Center locations and SkyLine's website at [www.skybest.com](http://www.skybest.com) beginning February 1. For more information, contact Edward Hinson at 1-800-759-2226.

## Recipe of the Month

### Cheesy Taco Chicken

#### Ingredients:

- 6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (pounded)
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1 package taco seasoning
- 3 cup corn chips

#### Instructions:

Mix soup plus 1 1/2 cup cheese, milk and seasoning. Spoon over chicken. Top with chips. Cover and bake 30 minutes at 375°. Remove cover after 30 minutes and add remaining 1/2 cup cheese. Bake 10 minutes more.

Recipe submitted by Susan Ham



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