



2022 Frank James–SkyLine Scholarship

Ten scholarships with a total value of \$25,000 are scheduled to be awarded this spring to children of SkyLine and SkyBest customers to assist them 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 Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship was established by the Board of Directors in 1987 and is named in memory of the former SkyLine board president, nationally-recognized rural telephone advocate, longtime educator and superintendent of Ashe County Schools.

To qualify, applicants must be children of a 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, Watauga 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 Service Centers beginning Thursday, February 3. The deadline for this local scholarship is Friday, March 11.

Co-op Camp Returns in 2022 with a New Location

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

Scheduled June 20 through 24, the overnight camping program will take place at the lakefront Camp Monroe in Laurel Hill, North Carolina (southeast of Charlotte and a three-plus hour drive from the SkyLine/SkyBest service area). This new location replaces the original camp location at the FFA Center at White Lake and shortens the distance for students traveling from the western part of the state.

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,

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Application Deadline is February 25 FRS Scholarship Program Features Online Application Process

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 applications is February 25.

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

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

- Staurulakis Family Scholarships
- TMS Scholarships
- Everett Kneece Scholarship
- Roger Alan Cox Memorial Scholarships
- Good Neighbor Scholarship
- Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship

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

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FRS Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Returns in 2022

After a two-year break due to safety concerns and restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour will resume in 2022. For this year's program and to ensure the safety of attendees, all students and chaperones who attend will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination. As a long-time sponsor of this annual 'once in a lifetime' experience, SkyLine will sponsor two high school juniors to be among over 100 students to attend.

Established in 1996 and scheduled from June 1 through 5, the FRS Tour brings rural students from across the United States to Washington, D.C. for a four-day visit to some of the most historical sites in the nation. 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.

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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 parent(s) in the companies' service area.
- Applicants must have at least a C grade-point-average (GPA). FRS scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above-average range.
- 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.

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.

Visit www.FRS.org/student for full instructions on how to create an account and for all necessary materials required. The deadline for this year's FRS Scholarship is Friday, February 25.

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

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

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they learn about leadership, cooperative governance, and the cooperative business principles. The teams put together Cooperative 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 through the camp sponsorships, which are underwritten by sponsoring cooperatives, and 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 beginning February 3. For more information, contact PR Administrator Karen Powell at 1-800-759-2226.

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The students also are given ample time to explore the Nation's Capital and its many attractions. While here, 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

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

Applications for the Youth Tour will be available at area high school guidance departments, all SkyLine Customer Center locations and at the SkyLine website (www.skybest.com) beginning Thursday, February 3. For more information, contact PR Administrator Karen Powell at 1-800-759-2226.



Recognizing Our Recent FRS Scholarship Winner

Hannah Starling is a 2021 FRS Scholarship Program winner, having received the \$2,500 one-year FRS Scholarship, and now attends Western Carolina University. Since 2006, 19 national scholarships have been awarded to children of customers served by SkyLine and its subsidiary companies.

Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Éclair Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 box of graham crackers
- 2 (3 3/4 ounce) boxes of instant French Vanilla Pudding
- 3 1/2 Cups of milk
- 1 (8 ounce) Container of Cool Whip

Frosting:

- 1 cup of sugar
- 1/3 cup of cocoa
- 1/4 cup of milk
- 1/4 cup of butter
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla

Instructions:

Butter a 9x13-inch pan. Line with whole graham crackers. Aside mix the two boxes of instant pudding and three and a half cups of milk. Beat two minutes. Fold in 8 ounce container of Cool Whip. Spread half of this mixture over graham crackers. Add another layer of whole graham crackers. Spread remaining pudding mixture over the crackers. Top with whole graham crackers. Combine frosting ingredients, except butter and vanilla, in a small saucepan. Boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add butter and vanilla. Cool and beat until smooth and thick. Drizzle over top of graham crackers. Refrigerate overnight.

Recipe submitted by Ruby Bartlett of Ashe County



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