
Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship

2024 Program Information and Application Form

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

SkyLine's Board of Directors established the SkyLine Telephone Membership Corporation Scholarship in 1987 to offer educational opportunities to deserving high school seniors with limited means. The scholarship has been awarded to children of SkyLine members who exhibit outstanding scholastic abilities and motivation to continue their education. Annually, scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors in each of the five counties served by SkyLine: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watauga and Johnson (TN).

In 1995, the Scholarship Program was renamed the Frank James–SkyLine Scholarship as a lasting memorial to Mr. James, who had been a longtime director and president of the cooperative. In addition to his tireless services to the causes of rural telephony, the former educator and superintendent of Ashe County Schools dedicated much of his life to promoting education. Also in 1995, the program was expanded to include five \$500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors seeking a two-year community/technical college degree.

The Board of Directors further enhanced the program in 1999 to make the \$1,000 College/University Scholarship annually renewable for up to four years and the \$500 Community/Technical Scholarship annually renewable for up to two years. To receive the full two- or four-year benefits of this scholarship, recipients must maintain a minimum grade-point-average (GPA) of 2.0 and continue to be enrolled as a full-time student at their respective college/university. This year, 10 scholarships with a total value of \$25,000 are scheduled to be awarded this spring to children of SkyLine/SkyBest telephone service customers to assist them with the cost of a college education.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be students whose parents are full-time residents in the SkyLine or SkyBest service area and have an account in good standing for telephone or broadband services for a minimum of one year.
- Be graduating high school seniors (local public school, private school or home school) and along with their parents, reside full-time in the cooperative's five county service area.
- Have qualified for entrance to a two-year community or technical college for the Community/Technical College Scholarship, or;
- Have qualified for entrance to a four-year college or university and have a minimum SAT score of 880 (critical reading and math) or a minimum ACT score of 17 (composite) for the College/University Scholarship.
- Be of college caliber in the judgment of their high school principal and counselor or scholarship committee.
- Provide to the local high school guidance counselor only, documentation exhibiting financial need.
- Exhibit high scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, and participation in school and community activities.

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

HOW TO APPLY

Along with a completed scholarship application, please include the following:

- Complete high school transcript, including the results of all college entrance exams.
- Summary of applicant's extracurricular activities.
- Letter of application in the student's own handwriting.
- Letter of recommendation from the high school principal, guidance counselor, teacher, youth leader or community leader.

- Official information regarding other scholarship awards the student has applied for or received.
- Information demonstrating financial need.
- Recent individual photo to be used for publication. For printed photos, please do not attach to your printed scholarship application using staples or paper clips. Digital photos may be uploaded with online scholarship applications when they are submitted.

AWARD PROCEDURES

- Students attending local public schools will submit applications to their guidance department; students attending private school or home school will submit applications directly to SkyLine. All applications will be reviewed, and nominees for each of the two- and four-year scholarships will be selected based on eligibility requirements.
- Nominees will be interviewed individually at SkyLine's Corporate Offices by the appropriate scholarship committee.
- A SkyLine representative will recognize recipients at their school on awards day or at graduation, and a public announcement of the recipients will be made in June.
- Special recognition of the scholarship winners will be highlighted in a video presentation at the Annual Meeting of Members each fall.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the Frank James-SkyLine Scholarship Program, please call SkyLine at 1-800-759-2226.

FRANK JAMES-SKYLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Type of Scholarship (Please check one)

College/University (4 years) _____ Community/Technical College (2 years) _____

Name(s) of community/technical colleges or colleges/universities where you have been accepted _____

Name and address of college you plan to attend _____

Course of study you plan to pursue _____

Number of students in your high school graduating class _____ Your class rank _____

Class offices held and year _____

Honors received and year _____

Clubs you hold memberships in	Years	Club Offices Held	Years
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Involvement in sports or other school activities _____

Hobbies _____

Church you attend and activities involved (optional) _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to SkyLine Membership Corporation to contact my school, if necessary, and to use my name and photograph in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

- One recent individual photograph (wallet size) to remain the property of SkyLine (photo print or digital photo). If submitting a photo print, please enclose it in an envelope and include with your completed application.
- Handwritten letter from applicant stating reason for applying for scholarship, including special needs or family circumstances and plans for the future.
- Letter of recommendation from high school principal, guidance counselor, teacher, youth leader or community leader.
- Complete high school transcript, including results of all college entrance exams.

Deadline for Scholarship (Public High School Seniors): Friday, March 8. Return completed application to your high school guidance department.

Deadline for Scholarship (Private School or Home School Seniors): Friday, March 15. Return completed application to SkyLine, Attn: Hallie Grubb, PO Box 759, West Jefferson, NC 28694, or you may drop it off at any of our five Customer Center locations: West Jefferson Call Center, 1079 NC Hwy. 194 North, West Jefferson; West Jefferson Smart Home, 1060 Mount Jefferson Road, West Jefferson; Sparta Customer Center, 199 Grayson Street, Sparta; Banner Elk Customer Center, 20 High Country Square, Banner Elk; Boone Customer Center, 217 Wilson Drive, Boone.