

Deadline Approaching for 2025 FRS Scholarship Application

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life throughout Rural America by advancing an understanding of rural telecommunications issues. Since its establishment in 1984, furthering the education of rural youth has been one of the foundation’s primary focuses. Over \$1 million in scholarships have been awarded, empowering students nationwide to advance their communities with invaluable skills and experiences. Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a member of NTCA and is proud to support FRS in this worthy endeavor.

The application process is completely online. All schools in the Pineland service area will receive notification of the scholarship award application. Additionally, the application link can be found on the Pineland website, www.pineland.net, under “News”. The online application process and all associated documents must be finalized and uploaded no later than February 14, 2025.

Should a student residing and attending school in the Pineland service area be selected to receive one of the FRS General Scholarships, Pineland will contribute an additional \$500 to the award, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500. In addition to the FRS General Scholarships, students may be eligible for one of the following named scholarships; V+C Trust Scholarship, Diana Jo Dreyer Memorial Scholarship sponsored by INDATEL Services, Everett Kneee Scholarship, Sarah Tyree Good Neighbor Scholarship, Herbert and Isabel Bitz Memorial Scholarship, JSI Scholarship, and the Cronin Communications Scholarship. One application submission is sufficient to be eligible for all available scholarships.

During the online application process, students must choose the correct sponsoring company in the service area in which they are making application. Our student applicants should be sure to choose **Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Metter, GA**. Please contact the Pineland office at [912.685.2121](tel:912.685.2121) during regular business hours or via email at



info@pinelandtelco.com with any questions.

Pineland is very excited to bring this scholarship opportunity to its local school districts and wishes all applying students the best of luck!

Account Questions & Changes?

Most account changes can be made by phone during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. We also have three office locations at 30 S. Rountree St., Metter, 425 S. Main St., Swainsboro, and 1106 Fetner Dr., Americus.

Only an account holder or authorized user may obtain information and request changes.

To verify or change the authorized user(s) on your account, contact our Customer Experience Associates at [800.247.1266](tel:800.247.1266).



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Both Pineland and Southeast Fire & Burglar customers can access our paperless and autopay options online at www.pineland.net, or by contacting our Customer Experience Team at [800.247.1266](tel:800.247.1266).

Apply Now for the 2025 FRS Youth Tour

Since 1995, FRS has hosted the Washington Youth Tour to thousands of high school students from across Rural America to visit our nation's capital, see our government in action, and learn about rural telecommunications. The tour provides a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities, as well as key legislative, regulatory, and government figures.



Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will once again be sponsoring two students from its service area for this unique opportunity. High school students attending school in the Pineland Telephone service areas are eligible to apply. Students residing in a home with Pineland service will receive bonus points during the scoring process. Each student applicant will be expected to demonstrate leadership in organizations and community through volunteer activities, write an essay on the topic of Economic Development in Rural America; How Broadband Affects Daily Life in My Rural America, and obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her high school counselor. Students must be 15, 16, or 17 years old at the time of the trip.

The 2025 Youth Tour is scheduled for Monday, June 2 – Friday, June 6. During the tour, students will tour Washington D.C. and the surrounding area, including a trip to Mount Vernon, Home of George Washington; visit the Smithsonian Museums; tour multiple Memorials; attend a play at The Kennedy Center; meet with Federal Communications Commission and Congressional staff; and build relationships with their peers.

The application deadline for the Youth Tour is Monday, March 17, 2025. For more information on the FRS Youth Tour, please contact Amy Harrison at [912.685.2121](tel:912.685.2121), [800.247.1266](tel:800.247.1266), or via email at info@pinelandtelco.com. The application form can be found on the Pineland website – www.pineland.net under “News” and “Apply Now for the 2025 FRS Youth Tour”.

A promotional banner for Pineland. On the left is a tree with pink blossoms. In the center, the text reads "HONESTY is the best policy" in large white letters, with "is the best policy" in a smaller font below "HONESTY". To the right of this text is a vertical line, followed by the phrases "no hidden fees", "no fake promos", and "no throttling" stacked vertically. Below this is the text "phone + internet + technology + security". On the far right is a portrait of a historical figure in 18th-century attire, holding a document. To his right is the Pineland logo (a stylized 'P' in a circle) and the text "Happy Presidents' Day". In the bottom left corner, there is a small icon of a person with a checkmark and the text "GIG-CERTIFIED PROVIDER".