

**TAYLOR TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC. dba TAYLOR TELECOM
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Texas on October 10, 1951, to provide communication service for its rural members. We continue to strive to provide total quality communications service and community leadership to our service areas. As a result of the Cooperative's dedication and commitment to education and to Rural America's youth, a Scholarship Program was established in 1996.

The Scholarship Program will provide twenty (20) scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$5,000.00 each, to students of member families. The Scholarships will be made out to the University, College, or Vocational Institute of the student's choice in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the first semester. The student will be eligible for \$2,500.00 for the 2nd consecutive semester if 12 hours are passed for the previous semester and the student is enrolled for at least 12 hours for the second semester. Applicants pursuing University, College, or Vocational-Technical degrees will receive equal consideration. Following the selection of 19 scholarship winners, a random drawing of the remaining scholarship finalists will be held to determine the last scholarship winner. The minimum Grade Point Average required for eligibility for any of the Cooperative's Scholarships is 85.

Primary emphasis of the Academic and Vocational Scholarships will be placed upon scholastic ability and leadership qualities, with secondary emphasis placed upon financial need.

ELIGIBILITY: Any senior student whose parent or legal guardian has active service with Taylor Telecom, and who lives within the service area with that parent or legal guardian, may make an application. The parent or legal guardian must retain an active account status through the release of all scholarship funds.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Scholarship applications will be available, upon request, from all service area schools, the Taylor Telecom business office, and our website taylortel.net, from January 2nd through April 1st of this year.

DUE DATE: Scholarship applications must be received at the Taylor Telecom business office by the end of business, April 1, 2024. **Any scholarship application not completed in its entirety, with all required attachments, will be disqualified.**

AWARD DATE: The Scholarship Committee, made up of five people, selected by the Board of Directors and Management, will make the selection of the students to receive the awards. Selection of scholarship recipients will be done in April, with winner's names announced in early May of each year.

Completed scholarship applications are to be received by 5 pm, April 1, 2024, at our office:

Address: Taylor Telecom
9798 Interstate 20
Merkel, TX 79536

Mailing Address: Taylor Telecom
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 370
Merkel, TX 79536

TAYLOR TELECOM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Parent or Legal Guardian must be a current Taylor Telecom member and retain active service through the release of all scholarship funds.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ CAREER PLANS _____

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND _____

SERVICES WITH TAYLOR TELECOM (Please check all that apply)

_____ Telephone # _____ Internet

FATHER'S INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ CONTACT TELEPHONE NO. _____

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME _____ NO. IN HOUSEHOLD _____

NO. IN IMMEDIATE FAMILY ATTENDING COLLEGE (INCLUDING SELF) _____

I. All applicants must submit:

- A. Completed application.
- B. Official 7-semester transcript.
- C. Photo.
- D. Personal letter of application (not to exceed one typed page) to the scholarship committee stating pertinent background information and his/her hopes and plans.

II. Submitted Separately:

- A. Two confidential recommendation forms, one of which is to be completed by a teacher at the student's high school (student provides an addressed, stamped envelope to be mailed to Taylor Telecom).

STUDENT'S NAME _____

GRADE AVERAGE _____ OUT OF _____ POSSIBLE POINTS

RANK IN CLASS _____ OUT OF _____ STUDENT ACT _____ SAT _____

LIST HONORS & AWARDS

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

HIGH SCHOOL OFFICES HELD

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES BY YEAR

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES BY YEAR

9TH _____ 10TH _____ 11TH _____ 12TH _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Type or Print

Applicant's Name: _____

I hereby waive my right to inspect and review this confidential evaluation.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

After completing the information above, give this form (and a stamped, addressed envelope) to the person who is recommending you for the scholarship.

Please evaluate the following statements concerning the above-named applicant. Mark only one choice for each statement by circling the appropriate number. Rate the five statements on how well the quality describes the applicant in relation to his/her peers by using the following scale:

5 - Superior 4 - Above Average 3 - Average 2 - Below Average 1 - Inferior

The following will be treated as PRIVILEGED information:

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Academic ability | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 2. Interest and willingness to accept responsibilities | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 3. Ability to work with peers and adults | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. Application of energy and persistence toward solutions or goals | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 5. Moral character | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

REMARKS: State briefly how you think this young man/woman will perform in a higher education program.

Upon completion, please return this form as soon as possible in the self-addressed envelope to:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
TAYLOR TELECOM
P.O. BOX 370
MERKEL, TX 79536

How long have you known the applicant _____

SIGNATURE
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DATE

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT