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Foundation for Rural Service Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) will be awarding thirty - \$2,000 scholarships nationwide to rural high school seniors, sponsored by Wilkes Telecommunications.

The scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to rural high school seniors whose parents are members of Wilkes Telecommunications or other NTCA cooperative members. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the thirty national scholarships, we will contribute an additional \$500 to the scholarship, bringing the total one-time scholarship award to \$2,500.

Students may be eligible also for the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships valued at \$5,000 each or two TMS Scholarships for \$1500 each. Students who are majoring in math, science, engineering, or medicine are given preference for the FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarship.

All applications if submitted in person, need to be dropped off to Wilkes Telecommunications by April 15, 2014. If mailed in to the office, the post mark date can be no later than April 15, 2014. For more information on applying for the scholarship, see your high school guidance counselor or contact Wilkes Telecommunications at 973-3103.

Have any New Year's Resolutions? Tell us about them on our Facebook or Twitter Page.

Wilkes Communicator is published monthly for members of Wilkes Telecommunications (the trade name of Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation). Wilkes Telecommunications was established in 1951 as a member-owned cooperative serving four exchanges in Wilkes County: (Boomer (921), Clingman (984), Champion (973) and Lomax (957, 928). Wilkes Telecommunications provides complete communication services such as local telephone access and business telephone systems. Internet, high-speed Internet and long distance services are provided through its subsidiary, Wilkes Communications, Inc.



**BUILDING
THE FUTURE ONE
FIBER AT A TIME**

Building Our Future With Local Scholarships

Wilkes Communications believes that education empowers students with the knowledge and skills needed for economic growth, especially in small towns and rural areas like ours. This is one reason we award scholarships to outstanding seniors each year from each of the high schools, private schools and homeschools throughout the county. Parents of those applying for the scholarship must be customers of Wilkes Communications. Applications can be picked up at your counselor's office and should be submitted to our office with a post mark no later than April 1, 2014. After reviewing applications, a decision will be made around April 15, 2014. Students will be notified by mail. Wilkes Communications CEO, Eric Cramer says, "We feel that giving back to our community through the scholarship program is a great opportunity to invest in our community as well. Wilkes' is proud to be a part of investing in the future generations."

Do Not Call Registry

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Call Before You Dig

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NEWS & NOTEWORTHY

- Our office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 to observe New Year's Day. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2 at 8:00am.
- If you find your account number in the newsletter, you'll receive \$20 credited to your next bill.

OFFICE HOURS & PHONE NUMBERS

Commercial Office Hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday	973-3103
Repair Office Hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Saturday	973-4000
Wilkes Internet Technical Support Open 24/7	957-8324

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Wilkes Communications Employees and Families Participated In Wilkes County 2013 Christmas Parade



Wilkes' to Sponsor Youth Tour

Wilkes Telecommunications will sponsor one high school junior to attend the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

The Youth Tour provides students from rural areas with a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry, educates students about the legislative and governmental process, gives students the rare opportunity to spend four days in the nation's capital visiting famous historical sites.

All applicant's parents must be a member of Wilkes Telecommunications and family must reside full-time in Wilkes' service area. Applying students must be a high school junior, have at least a 3.25 GPA, exhibit demonstrated leadership on campus and in the community through volunteer activities.

Youth Tour applications may be obtained from your school counselor. All applications should be returned to your school counselor by April 15, 2014.

Employee Anniversaries

Christine Craven
Special Service Administrator
15 years

Zachary Church
Field Engineer
7 Years

Rodney Blake
Warehouseman
14 Years

Brett Yates
Sales / Marketing Manager
5 Years

Eric Cramer
CEO
9 Years

Jessica Austin
Dispatcher
3 years

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