



**Official Scholarship Entry Form
2026
Rural Broadband – “Smart Rural Community”**

(Please type)

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Member Phone Number: _____

Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative Member name and relationship:

Student Cell Number: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Name

of College, University, or Technical School entering in the Fall of 2026:

College, University, or Technical School plan of study (major) and future goals:

Student Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature

Deadline: April 2, 2026



Rural Broadband Scholarship

Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative is awarding two (2) \$1000 scholarships to high school seniors enrolled in a college, university, or technical school in the Fall of 2026, whose parent(s) or guardian(s) is an active member of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative in good standing.

Rural Broadband – “Smart Rural Community”

A smart rural community uses broadband networks to enable applications that the community can use for innovative economic development and commerce, blue-ribbon education, first-rate health care, cutting-edge government services, robust security, and other vital public functions.

Describe how advanced broadband internet can assist you in reaching your education goals, allow for your career choice to remain in your small town, and how can broadband internet be used to enhance your rural community.

Guidelines:

1. Each essay should contain between 500 and 750 words to qualify.
2. Each essay must be typed, double spaced, with 1" margins, and 12-point font.
3. The applicant's name must not appear anywhere on or in the actual essay.
4. Each essay must have a completed, typed Rural Broadband Scholarship Application entry form.
5. The essay must be the original work of the student.
6. Only Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative member students (parent(s) or guardian(s) must be active members in good standing) public, private, and home-schooled senior students planning to enter a college, university, or technical school in the Fall of 2026 may participate.
7. All items must be submitted in one envelope and mailed, or hand delivered to: Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative, 338 Cumberland, Pikeville or 122 Cherry St., Dunlap.
8. Along with the completed application and written essay, students must submit a current high school transcript, a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor, and a high-resolution digital photo.
9. Each essay will be judged by an independent panel based upon originality, knowledge of subject matter in relationship to the title, and supporting statements, correct spelling, and punctuation, as well as adherence to guidelines, and completion of application.