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FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Ganado Graduate Receives National Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS awards a one-time \$2,500 scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company. FRS funds \$2,000 of each scholarship while local NTCA member, YK Communications, awards the remaining \$500. The FRS College Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to return to their rural communities upon completing their education.

“We are proud to announce that Hannah Janssen, senior at Ganado High School, has been selected as a recipient of the FRS Scholarship,” commented Russell Kacer, President of YK Communications. “We have had several students from Ganado, Louise, and Tidehaven ISD apply for this scholarship in years past, but Hannah Janssen is the first student to receive this scholarship from our service area.”

The response to the 2016 FRS College Scholarship Program was tremendous. “Over 1,400 applications from across rural America were submitted and 67 awardees were selected. Recipient applications were stellar and showcased not only their academic dedication, but an incredible amount of pride in their rural community,” stated Jessica Golden, Executive Director of FRS.

Upon receiving the scholarship announcement, recipient Hannah Janssen said, “I feel so honored and truly proud to win this scholarship. The selection is so narrow, so being one of those select few is a genuine accomplishment. I will take this momentum and the award into my future to help me live the life I imagine.”

The application for the FRS College Scholarship Program is available each October for the following year's program. Students residing in the YK Communications service area that are interested in applying should contact YK Communications or their counselor's office.

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The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), in cooperation with NTCA - The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. FRS is committed to educational achievement in rural communities, recognizing that tomorrow's economic and civic development depends on the involvement and commitment of today's youth. Visit us at www.frs.org.

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