

Scholarship Opportunities Available

If you are the parent or guardian of a 2024 graduating high school senior who is planning to pursue a degree from a two or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school, you have already experienced the stress and dread of financing at least two years of college for your graduate.

To help ease some of the financial burden, your soon-to-be-graduate is probably rushing around filling out applications for every scholarship opportunity available. It is quite an honor for Star Communications to offer two scholarship opportunities available for upcoming high school graduates.

The first scholarship program is sponsored by the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS). The FRS offers an annual college scholarship program to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS awards a one-time \$2,500.00 scholarship to students from rural America for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by Star Telephone, an NTCA member company. The FRS College Scholarship Program seeks to encourage students to return to their rural communities upon completing their education.

The FRS Scholarship is an online digital application. Online applications can be found by visiting www.starcom.net. Once the application has been downloaded, be sure to select Star Telephone Membership Corporation as your telco provider. Information can also be obtained from a Guidance Counselor at your local high school. Scholarship applications must be submitted online by February 16, 2024.

In addition to the FRS 2024 Scholarship Program, Star Communications is pleased to offer the Star Communications Scholarship Program once again. Star Communications will be awarding five \$1,000 nonrenewable scholarships to the applicants chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee, which is comprised of Star Communications employees.

Information regarding the Star Communications 2024 Scholarship Program can be obtained by visiting www.starcom.net where you can download the application.

If you feel your graduate meets the requirements for the Star Communications 2024 Scholarship Program, please submit applications to: Star Communications, 2024 Scholarship Program, PO Box 348, Clinton, NC 28329. All application packets for the Star Communications Scholarship Program must be postmarked on or before Friday, March 1, 2024.

If you have any questions about either scholarship program, please contact Tracey at tpage@stmc.net or 910-564-7821.

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2024 Star Communications

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Star Communications is pleased to announce that our telephone directory partner is now Data Publishing.

Data Publishing will be contacting local businesses very soon to discuss your 2024 advertising needs.

If you have any questions, please call 1-843-706-7969.

From Your Kitchen

Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

- 4 cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 10.5 oz cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed

6 tablespoons butter, melted

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a casserole dish with non stick cooking spray.

Mix shredded chicken with cream of chicken soup, sour cream, and seasonings. Add to the bottom of your casserole dish.

Top your casserole with crushed crackers and melted butter. Bake for 20-30 minutes.

