

## Scholarship Opportunities Available

If you are the parent or guardian of a 2025 graduating high school senior who has been accepted to a four-year College, University or Community College, 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](http://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 14, 2025.

In addition to the FRS 2025 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 2025 Scholarship Program can be obtained by visiting [www.starcom.net](http://www.starcom.net) where you can download the application.

If you feel your graduate meets the requirements for the Star Communications 2025 Scholarship Program, please submit applications to: Star Communications, 2025 Scholarship Program, PO Box 348, Clinton, NC 28329. All application packets for the Star Communications Scholarship Program must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 3, 2025.

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

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## **From Your Kitchen**

### **Garlic Cheese Drop Biscuits**

3 cups all-purpose flour  
3 teaspoons baking powder  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
3/4 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1/2 cup cold butter  
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
1 1/4 cups milk (2 %)

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

In a large bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and cream of tartar.

Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in cheese, garlic and pepper flakes. Add milk; stir just until moistened.

Drop dough by heaping 1/4 cups two inches apart onto a greased baking sheet.

Bake for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown.

## **2025 Star Communications Telephone Directories in Progress**

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

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## **New Neighbors to Serve**

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Dennis Williams

Emily Rush Williams

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