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Attention High School Seniors!

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Mark Twain is pleased to announce our continued participation in the 2017 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship Program. Mark Twain, in conjunction with FRS, of-

fers an annual college scholarship to help further higher education among rural youth. FRS will fund \$2,000 with a match of \$500 from Mark Twain to a student from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. In addition to the one-time \$2,500 scholarship, the applications will also be considered for the following scholarships.

FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarships will award four \$5,000 scholarships. Students with a focus in science, math, medicine or engineering will automatically be considered.

Telecom Management Services (TMS) will award two \$1,500 scholarships.

The Everett Kneece Return to Rural America Scholarship will award one \$7,000 scholarship.

If a Mark Twain applicant does not receive any of the above scholarships, then they automatically become eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship directly from Mark Twain.

Applications are available through your high school counselor, www.frs.org, the business office, or at Mark Twain's web site, www.marktwain.net. The application require-

ments are minimal and take very little time to complete.

To be eligible you must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior.
2. Be a United States citizen.
3. Receive your local telephone service from Mark Twain Rural Telephone or Mark Twain Communications Company.
4. Be accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
5. Have at least a C grade point average (GPA).
6. Be sponsored by Mark Twain Rural Telephone or Mark Twain Communications Company.
7. Express an interest to return to a rural community following graduation.

Your completed application should first be sent to Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company for the General Manager's signature and further processing. Scholarship applications should arrive at the telephone company by Monday, **February 13, 2017**, so that FRS's March 1st deadline can be met. If you have any questions, please call our office at 423-5211 and ask for Charlotte Clark.

Submit FRS Applications to:
Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
ATTN: Charlotte Clark
P.O. Box 68
Hurdland, MO 63547

2017 Youth Tour!

Win a Trip to Washington D.C.

Mark Twain invites you to enter our drawing for a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C., as part of The Foundation for Rural Service 2017 Youth Tour. The tour is Saturday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 7, 2017. You will gain a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry and government process and spend four days visiting famous historical sites including the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian, the National Cathedral, the U.S. Capitol, and Arlington National Cemetery. You will also have a wonderful time meeting other students from rural communities across the country. Mark Twain will pay the registration fee (which includes meals, ground transportation in Washington, special entertainment, t-shirt, student "yearbook" and admission to ticketed events), hotel and airfare. Students will be met at the airport gate and transported to their hotel. Students are chaperoned by National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) staff and by volunteers from member phone companies.

Eligibility Rules

Students must be in high school, age 16 or 17 years old at the time of the Youth Tour, and they must be on the A or A-B honor roll. FRS will not accept any

student age 18 or over. Your parents or guardian must subscribe to basic local telephone service from either Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company or Mark Twain Communications Company.

Students meeting the above criteria are asked to complete the application form in this newsletter, detach, and mail to Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, Attn: Youth Tour, P.O. Box 68, Hurdland, MO, 63547 by **March 13, 2017**. A drawing will be held and the winner will be contacted during the week of March 20, 2017.



Detach and return to the address below by **March 13, 2017.**

Please, only one entry per student.

Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company

Attn: **Youth Tour**

P.O. Box 68

Hurdland, MO 63547

Student's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

(Please write name as it appears on your telephone bill)

Parent or Guardian's Telephone Number: _____

(As it appears on your telephone bill)

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Student's Telephone Number: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

School's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____