

DRN Awards Area Seniors Scholarships

DRN is excited to announce they have awarded 22 graduating high school seniors in the area with scholarships. DRN's Board of Directors approved to offer two \$500 scholarships to each school within the DRN territory which includes Ashley, Edgeley, Ellendale, Kulm, Sargent Central, North Sargent, LaMoure, Lisbon, Milnor, Litchville-Marion, and Oakes. DRN also offered one \$500 scholarship to a student enrolled in a Southeast Region Career and Technology Center class.

General Manager/CEO Robert Johnson believes DRN's role as a local telecommunications cooperative is all about enhancing the opportunities and quality of life for the members. He states, "The scholarship program is just one more example of DRN's Board of Directors commitment to our mission statement. Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners! We look forward to witnessing your continued success."

DRN had over 50 applicants for this scholarship and selected the following individuals as winners: from Ashley, Tiffany Engelhart and Rachel Rueb; from Edgeley, Kaitlyn Schiele and Olivia Buckeye; from Ellendale, Benjamin Henschen and Tyra Steinwand; from Kulm, Sierra Kramlich and Cassidy Bucholz; from Sargent Central, Alisha Zirnhelt and Elliott Hayen; from North Sargent, Carter Anderson and Hailey Decker; from LaMoure, Jackie Meiklejohn and Josie Riddle; from Lisbon, Grace Elijah and Nicholas Bergemann; from Milnor, Shelby Mund and Marina Zetocha; from Litchville-Marion, Hannah Dykstra and Ernest Trzpuć; and from Oakes, Taylor Roney and Trey Juran. Lastly, Nathan Peterson from Ellendale was the winner of the South East Region Career and Technology Center \$500 scholarship.

DRN is also pleased to announce that one student within DRN territory was awarded a \$2000 Foundation for Rural Service scholarship as well as a \$500 scholarship from DRN. Kathleen Schmidt from Ashley was the FRS scholarship winner. DRN congratulates Kathleen for being selected from over 1,500 applicants.

This year the Foundation for Rural Service was gifted \$25,000 from NISC in celebration of their own 50th anniversary. With a share of this money the FRS created the NISC Community Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. This scholarship is awarded to those students in rural areas who have showed not just academic excellence but model community involvement as well. DRN is pleased to announce one student within the territory, Marissa Diggs of Oakes, as the winner of this one-time scholarship.

DRN prides itself in supporting community needs and in building "smart" communities throughout its service area. DRN has been providing communication services to south-central North Dakota for over 67 years. DRN – 100% fiber connected.