

The background of the entire page is a photograph of graduates in silhouette against a bright, cloudy sky. They are throwing their black mortarboards into the air, and several caps are captured mid-air in various positions. The overall mood is celebratory and hopeful.

XIT

Rural Telephone
Cooperative, Inc.

Educational Program

Serving the Northwest Texas Panhandle Since 1951

XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program

Up To \$10,000 Available To Rural Members' High School Seniors

We are proud to announce the XIT Rural Telephone Educational Program. As you know, XIT Rural Telephone refunds patronage capital credits to its members each year. And – each year many of these checks remain unclaimed due to various reasons. In the past, XIT was required by the State of Texas to send all unclaimed funds to the State Comptroller's office. However, laws now allow XIT to retain a portion of our unclaimed monies to be used as scholarships.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a **2024** graduating high school senior from an area high school.
 - **Be a son/daughter of an XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative member who is in good standing. Member's telephone number must begin with 377, 384, 727, 769, 343, 753 or 362. Must be a landline number.**
 - Enroll in a 2 year or 4 year accredited college or university – or any accredited vocational or technical school.
 - Maintain a 2.0 grade point average.
 - Be enrolled in a least 12 hours. (Trade and technical school students will be required to maintain full-time student status also.)
 - Be willing to provide to XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative a written status report of his/her progress, including proof of grade point average, hours enrolled and deadline for tuition.
- This must be done at the end of each semester before the next installment payment is due for the following semester. Recipients must supply this information to XIT Rural Telephone, without a reminder from XIT, at least 10 days prior to the payment due date.**
- Be willing to be interviewed by the Selection Committee if it is necessary in order for the committee to make their final decision.
 - Recipients are to represent the XIT Educational Program with the values and high standards that were recognized by the scholarship committee in the selection process. Failure to maintain these standards could result in the scholarship being revoked.

How to Apply

- Complete the scholarship application in full.
- Have guidance counselor, principal, teachers or pastor complete Scholarship Recommendation Form(s). (Will accept from 1 to 3 recommendations.)
- In a two-page-or-less essay, describe your reasons for applying for this scholarship,
 1. Explain why the scholarship is important to you.
 2. Describe the reasons for applying for the scholarship, including special needs or family circumstances.
 3. Address why you wish to attend college.
 4. What you would like to be doing in 10 years.
 5. Include such things as career goals, community involvement, where you plan on living and how a college education will help you achieve this.

The essay will play a major part in the selection process.

The content of your essay will be judged on how well you follow the criteria for the essay set forth in the five steps listed above. Good sentence structure, proper use of grammar, correct spelling, and neatness will also be considered when judging your essay. Prepare your essay in a professional manner.

- Provide high school transcript including all courses and grades.
- Include a recent color photograph, no larger than 5x7. (Prints from a digital computer file must include a copy of the electronic file on disk.)
- The application must be signed by both the applicant and parent.

Award Procedures

Up to \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded in March 2024 to XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative members' graduating seniors from area high schools.

Winners will be selected by a qualified committee.

Winners will be selected based on the following criteria:

- a) academic achievement
- b) involvement in extra curricular activities
- c) financial needs

Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex or disability.

Scholarships will be awarded in increments based on number of semesters.

Funds will be paid to the educational institution upon proof of registration and acceptance.

Winners will be notified directly by XIT management after the selection process and then announced to the membership at the Cooperative's Annual Membership Meeting on March 13, 2024. Further announcements will be made at the schools' graduation or awards day ceremonies, whichever is customary, and also in local newspapers and XIT's quarterly newsletter, *XIT Connections*.

Winners will be provided with scholarship guidelines and procedures after the selection process.

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Scholarship Application

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Please Print or Type
- 2 Include all requested attachments
- 3 Application must be in XIT's HQ office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Rural Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____
Wireless Telephone Number _____ Date of Birth _____
Social Security Number _____
Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Occupations _____
Family's Annual Income \$20,000 or Less \$20,001 to \$35,000 \$35,001 to \$50,000
 \$50,001 to \$70,000 \$70,001 or more
Number in Family Living at Home _____
High School You Attend _____ Number in Class _____ Class Ranking _____
High School Telephone Number _____ School Counselor _____
University or College You Plan to Attend _____ 2 year or 4 year plan? _____
Address of University or College _____
University or College Telephone Number (Admissions Office) _____
Have You Been Accepted? _____ If No, When Will You Know? _____
GPA _____ (**Must be provided**) SAT Score _____ (**If available**) ACT Score _____ (**If available**)
High School Honors and Awards _____

Summer or Part-Time Jobs You Have Held _____

Community Activities in Which You Have Been Involved _____

Brief Summary of Your College Plans _____

Brief Summary of Your Career Plans _____

Other Information You Want Us to Know or Might be Helpful to the Selection Committee _____

Please fill out both sides of this application and mail with all requested attachments to:

XIT Educational

Program

P.O. Box 711

Dalhart, TX 79022

All applications must be in the Dalhart HQ office no later than 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Applications received in the XIT offices after the deadline will not be considered.

Please complete both sides of the application!

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Applicant's Essay

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 If possible, please Type or Word Process your Essay. If you must Hand Write or Print your essay, make sure it is very legible and easy to read. Essays may be attached to application if typed on a separate paper. Please remember to sign the bottom of essay form on application.
- 2 Application must be in Dalhart office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Name of Applicant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

DIRECTIONS

1. Explain why the scholarship is important to you.
2. Describe the reasons for applying for the scholarship, including special needs or family circumstances.
3. Address why you wish to attend college.
4. What you would like to be doing in 10 years.
5. Include such things as career goals, community involvement, where you plan on living and how a college education will help you achieve this.

The essay will play a major part in the selection process.

The content of your essay will be judged on how well you follow the criteria for the essay set forth in the five steps listed above. Good sentence structure, proper use of grammar, correct spelling, and neatness will also be considered when judging your essay. Prepare your essay in a professional manner.

Please fill out this two page essay. Include with other information when you return your scholarship packet.

All applications must be in the Dalhart HQ office no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Applications received in the XIT offices after the deadline will not be considered.

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Applicant's Essay Continued

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return with scholarship packet!

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Identify the activities in which you have been involved by checking the box and writing the number of years you have participated in each.

<input type="checkbox"/> Band	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Debate	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Drill Team	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FFA	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FHA	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Speech	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Government	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Track	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 4H	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Years _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	Years _____

Checklist

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Make sure to:

- Include your completed application form.
- Attach your high school transcript including all courses and grades.
- Complete your two-page-or-less essay. **Remember to sign and date the essay.**
- Attach a maximum of three Scholarship Recommendation Forms completed by your guidance counselor, principal, teachers, or pastor.
- Any other pertinent information demonstrating financial need.
- Include your recent colored photograph (no larger than 5x7, **include a copy of the electronic file on disk**).
- Sign and date and have parent or guardian sign and date Applicant Certification bottom of this page. (Unsigned applications will not be considered.)**
- All applications must be in Dalhart HQ office no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2024.*

Questions?

Call

1.806.384.3311 or 1.800.232.3312

Ask For

Marketing Department

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Applicant Certification

I, hereby, certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I meet the eligibility requirements set out in this document and agree to provide the information required by XIT in the manner and time frame required. I, hereby, grant permission to the XIT Rural Telephone Educational Selection Committee to contact my references or school, if necessary, and to use my name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship. I also understand that should I drop out of school or fail to meet the criteria set forth in the eligibility guidelines, the unused portion of the scholarship will be rescinded.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete all pages of the application!