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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company Announces Scholarship Recipient

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) and The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) are proud to announce a \$2,500 national scholarship has been awarded to Taya Schmaderer of Stuart, NE!

The FRS Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural communities for their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company that also contributes a portion of the scholarship award.

“Providing opportunities for young people in rural communities is a core mission for FRS. We are proud to partner with NTCA member companies and generous individuals in the industry to make these scholarships possible each year. Congratulations to [student name],” said Pam Becker, Executive Director of FRS.

Taya is a 2022 graduate of Stuart High School and plans to attend Nebraska Wesleyan University this fall, majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Pre-Law. Taya was just one of 38 FRS Scholarship recipients in 2022. There were nearly 900 applicants nationwide!

Earlier this month, NNTC’s General Manager Pat McElroy surprised Taya at home with the news. “I was so surprised; I was supposed to go home to let the dog out. This is the first outside scholarship I’ve received, so that’s pretty cool,” said Taya.

“NNTC is proud to participate with FRS in offering these opportunities for our students. Educating our graduates makes our SRC communities stronger. Best of luck to Taya in her future,” said McElroy.

Taya was awarded the Diana Jo Dreyer Memorial Scholarship. Diana grew up in Atlantic, IA, with her parents and five siblings, where she attended Atlantic High School and then graduated with her teaching degree from Augustana University. Diana found a successful career in telecommunications, where she excelled in sales and grew a large network of women in telecom who became some of her closest mentors and friends. Recognizing Diana’s impact to her company and women in telecom, INDATEL Services LLC and her family have established a scholarship with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) for female students with an intent to study business.

A full list of scholarship awardees and the NTCA member companies who are partnering with FRS to make the funding possible is available online. www.frs.org.

About NNTC:

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company is a telephone, internet and television service provider headquartered in Jackson, NE. NNTC serves 30 communities throughout 24 counties in northeast Nebraska. Founded in 1955, NNTC is one of Nebraska's first telephone cooperatives providing fiber service to 100% of its customers.

About FRS:

Founded in 1994, The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.

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