

South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. dba  
**HORIZONS**  
C O M M U N I C A T I O N S  
**2026 Scholarship Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines**

**Please read before filling out the application**

1. Horizons Communications scholarships will be available to qualifying graduating high school seniors, individuals currently enrolled or planning to attend a college or university, trade or vocational school, advanced schooling, or training to further a career may apply for the scholarship program.
2. Horizons scholarship program will be available to members, the children of members who currently receive telecommunications service from Horizons Communications, as well as the employees of Horizons Communications and the children of those employees.
3. Student may attend any accredited college, university, vocational, technical, or hospital affiliated school.
4. A recipient is limited to one scholarship per scholarship awarding period.
5. Any misrepresentation on the application will disqualify the applicant.
6. Scholarship checks will be made jointly to the recipient and the educational institution.
7. Applicants must submit a typed, original essay of 500 words in MLA format explaining their qualifications for this scholarship and outlining their career goals. Please note that handwritten submissions are not accepted and will disqualify an application. Essays will be checked for AI usage and originality, so please use your own thoughts and words.
8. Applicant to provide three (3) letters of professional recommendation. These can be from a high school principal, counselor, teacher/instructor/professor, supervisor, colleague, minister/pastor, or other professional in their respective field. Relatives of the applicant are not permitted. Letters must include why you would be a suitable recipient for this scholarship.
9. All applications will be reviewed internally by the Scholarship Committee at Horizons Communications.
10. Six (6) \$5,000 Scholarships will be awarded in 2026.
11. **Scholarship funds will be available for the Fall semester of 2026. All funds expire one year after the recipient selections are announced. Horizons Communications will issue a check that is valid for ninety (90) days and will be issued when the recipient requests it. Horizons Communications reserves the right to charge a \$50 fee when re-issuing a check.**
12. Horizons Communications reserves the right to terminate the program or to change the provisions and conditions at any time. Any inquiries regarding Horizons Communications' Scholarship program can be directed to Andrew Vargas at 806-863-8006.

**The completed Scholarship Application package must be returned to Horizons Communications no later than May 1, 2026.**

**Please do not turn an application package in at the counselor's office if you are a high school student. These applications will be disqualified.**

**You may return your completed application in one (1) of the following ways. Application packages returned in multiple ways will be disqualified:**

**Email: Scholarships@sptc.coop**

**United State Postal Service: Horizons Communications  
Attn: Scholarships  
PO Box 1379  
Lubbock, TX 79408**

**Physical Address Drop-Off: Horizons Communications Headquarters Office  
2425 Marshall St.  
Lubbock, TX 79415**