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South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Encourages Students to Apply for James L. Bass Legal Scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) today announced the James L. Bass Legal Scholarship, a new scholarship for students with an interest in rural communities entering their first year of law school. FRS is the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association, of which South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is a member.

With an active law career that spanned more than 70 years, James Bass helped secure funds for rural telephone systems to bring modern telephone service to rural areas. He was pivotal in the creation of NTCA, where he served as one of the organization’s earliest presidents. Bass continued his leadership with service for more than 50 years as legal counsel.

Recognizing Bass’s impact to the industry and his passion for the legal profession, the NTCA Board of Directors established a scholarship for students with an interest in rural communities to attend law school. The first James L. Bass Legal Scholarship will be awarded in spring 2021 and will be at least \$5,000.

Who is eligible to apply for the James L. Bass Scholarship?

- Those who are entering their first year of law school.
- Those who are a US citizen.

SPTC encourages all students entering their first year of law school to take advantage of this opportunity. The deadline to be considered for the spring 2021 James L. Bass Scholarship is **April 16, 2021**. Application materials and more information about the scholarship can be found at <https://www.frs.org/programs/james-l-bass-legal-scholarship>.

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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.