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### **Polar Offers Scholarship Opportunities to Students**

PARK RIVER – January 18, 2011 – In support of the continuing education for rural youth, Polar Communications and its subsidiaries are offering high school and college students the opportunity to apply for scholarships.

**Polar’s Retiree Scholarship:** Polar Communications, in cooperation with its retired employees and directors, offers the Polar Retiree Scholarship Program to recognize and reward students who, upon graduation, plan to work in the telecommunications industry within the state of North Dakota. These scholarships totaling up to \$5,000 (\$1,000 minimum/\$1,500 maximum) will be awarded to students who are “currently” in college or vocational-technical school. Applicants must be a junior or senior at an accredited 4-year college or a student with one year remaining at an accredited technical school or 2-year college and enrolled in a telecommunications field. Information and applications have been sent to the universities/colleges & vocational-technical schools in North Dakota and Minnesota.

**Polar’s John G. Walters Scholarship:** Five \$500 scholarships will be issued to graduating high school seniors from our service area, who plans to continue their education at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college/university or vocational-technical school.

**Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) Scholarship:** FRS was established in 1994 and, along with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), promotes, educates and advocates to the public rural telecommunications issues. Polar is proud to be a member of NTCA and support FRS in this worthy endeavor. If a graduating high school senior from our service area is selected for one of the 30 FRS national scholarships (\$2,000 each), Polar will contribute an additional \$500, bringing the FRS award to \$2,500.

Polar has “simplified” the application process for high school seniors to apply for both the John G. Walters & FRS Scholarship programs by using one application. There is a possibility that a student from our service area could receive a total of \$3,000 in scholarships! Eligibility requires the applicant’s parent/guardian to be a subscriber of Polar Communications.

Information and applications have been sent to the high schools in our service area.

Please encourage students to participate in these great opportunities. The deadline to apply for all three of the scholarships is February 15, 2011. Applications and information regarding all three of the scholarships can be found at a link on Polar’s website at [www.thinkpolar.com](http://www.thinkpolar.com). For applications, details, or questions on any of the scholarships please contact Carol LaHaise at 701-284-4361 or email: [clahaise@polartel.com](mailto:clahaise@polartel.com)