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Attention High School Seniors

\$500 or \$2,500 Scholarship Available

Mark Twain is pleased to announce our participation in the 2012 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship Program.

Seniors from participating telephone companies and co-ops located in Missouri, Louisiana and Arkansas will be competing for three (3) \$2,500 FRS Scholarships. In the event that a Mark Twain's applicant does not win the \$2,500 FRS scholarship, they then automatically become eligible for a \$500 Mark Twain scholarship. So we encourage you to apply today. This is not a scholarship based on grade point average. Rather, it is geared toward seniors who are good students, but may not qualify for scholarship programs based solely upon GPA. Your chances of winning are very good due to the small number of applications traditionally received.

Applications are available through your high school counselor, from us or at Mark Twain's web site, www.marktwain.net. The application requirements are minimal and take very little time to complete.

To be eligible you must:

1. Be a graduating high school senior.
2. Be a United States citizen.
3. Receive your local **telephone** service from Mark Twain Rural Telephone or Mark Twain Communications Company.
4. Be enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
5. Have at least a C grade point average (GPA). FRS scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above-average range.
6. Express an interest to return to a rural com-

munity following graduation.

7. Be sponsored by Mark Twain Rural Telephone or Mark Twain Communications Company.

Your completed application should first be sent to Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company for the General Manager's signature and further processing. Scholarship applications should arrive at the telephone company by Tuesday, February 21, 2012 so that FRS's March 1st deadline can be met. If you have any questions, please call our office at 423-5211 and ask for Charlotte Clark. Submit FRS Applications to...

Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
ATTN: Charlotte Clark
P.O. Box 68
Hurdland, MO 63547

Do-Not-Call Notification

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are now sharing responsibility for enforcing the National Do-Not-Call list. The FCC now requires all telecommunications carriers that provide Local Exchange Service to notify their subscribers of their rights as they relate to the Do-Not-Call rules. You have the right to give or revoke an objection to receiving telephone solicitations. To register or revoke your registration, please call 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236) or via the Internet at www.donotcall.gov.

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Attention High School Juniors!

Win a Trip to Washington D.C.

Mark Twain invites you to enter our drawing for a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C., as part of The Foundation for Rural Service 2012 Youth Tour. The tour is Saturday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 6, 2012. You will gain a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry and government process and spend four days visiting famous historical sites including the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian, the National Cathedral, the U.S. Capitol, and Arlington National Cemetery. You will also have a wonderful time meeting other students from rural communities across the country. Mark Twain will pay the registration fee (which includes meals, ground transportation in Washington, special entertainment, T-shirt, student "yearbook" and admission to ticketed events), hotel, airfare and \$100.00 cash to cover miscellaneous expenses. Students will be met at the airport gate upon arrival in Washington and will stay at a hotel in Arlington,

VA. Students are chaperoned by National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) staff and by volunteers from member phone companies.

Eligibility Rules

Students must be in high school, age 16 or 17, at the time of the tour. FRS will not accept any student 18 years of age and over. Must be on A or A-B honor roll. **Your parents or guardian must subscribe to basic local telephone service from either Mark Twain Rural Telephone or Mark Twain Communications Company.**

Students meeting the above criteria are asked to complete the application form in this newsletter, detach, and mail to Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company, Attn: Youth Tour, P.O. Box 68, Hurdland, MO, 63547 by March 26, 2012. A drawing will be held and the winner will be contacted during the week of April 2, 2012. **ONLY ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT.**

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The national registry prevents telephone solicitations made for commercial purposes only, and will not prevent telephone solicitations made by a tax-exempt nonprofit organization, for example, for charitable or political purposes. Also, the registry will not prevent calls from companies with whom you may have an established business relationship.

The FCC has defined an established business relationship as one in which the consumer has "a prior or existing relationship" with a company that is formed voluntarily through communications between the company and the consumer on the basis of a purchase or transaction regarding products or services within eighteen (18) months immediately preceding a telephone solicitation, and which has not been previously terminated by either the consumer or the company. Such an established business relationship also exists on the basis of a consumer inquiry regarding a company's products or services within three (3) months immediately preceding the date of a telephone solicitation and which has not been previously terminated by either the consumer or the company.

Detach and return to the address below by March 26, 2012.

Please, only one entry per student.

Mark Twain Rural Telephone Company
Attn: Youth Tour
P.O. Box 68
Hurdland, MO 63547

Student's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____
(Please write name as it appears on your telephone bill)

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Student's Telephone Number: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

School's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____