

RANDOLPH CONNECTION

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BUILT FOR SPEED: WHAT RAILROADS, HIGHWAYS, AND FIBER NETWORKS HAVE IN COMMON

What do railroad tracks, modern highways, and fiber-optic networks all have in common? At first glance, they may seem like completely different parts of everyday life—but they're actually built on the same core idea: **moving people, goods, and information as fast, safely, and efficiently as possible.**

Railroads were one of the first major breakthroughs in transportation, creating dedicated paths that allowed freight and passengers to move farther and faster than ever before. Highways followed, expanding that concept for vehicles and connecting communities in ways that reshaped how we live, work, and travel.

Fiber-optic networks do the same thing—for your data.

Instead of trains or cars, fiber uses pulses of light traveling through glass strands to deliver information. And just like railroads and highways, fiber works best when it has a **direct, dedicated path**—without the slowdowns that come from shared or outdated infrastructure.

That's where the real difference becomes clear. Older internet technologies often rely on "shared lanes," where speed can fluctuate depending on congestion, distance, or network limitations. Fiber, on the other hand, is designed for

consistency—delivering fast, reliable performance even when everyone is online at the same time.

So whether it's a train moving across the country, a car driving down the interstate, or a video call connecting you instantly to someone miles away, the goal is the same: **a smooth, reliable journey from point A to point B.**

And in today's world, fiber isn't just the fastest route—it's the most dependable one for everything from streaming and gaming, to working and learning from home.

This is why Randolph Communications is committed to building and delivering high-quality fiber-optic service throughout our communities. Our goal is simple—to ensure your connection is fast, reliable, and built to handle everything you depend on every day.

As technology continues to evolve, that commitment remains the same: keeping our communities connected with the strong, dependable infrastructure for today and into the future.

If you haven't converted to fiber yet, now is the time. Or if you need faster fiber speeds, call us at 336-879-5684.

DO YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY PROJECT THAT NEEDS FUNDING?

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) is a nonprofit organization that works in cooperation with NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association to sustain and enhance the quality of life in America by advancing an understanding of rural issues.

The FRS Community Grant Program is offered annually through NTCA members, like Randolph Communications, to support local efforts that help build and sustain a high quality of life in rural America.

2026 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The Program supports projects in these categories:

- ★ Business and economic development
- ★ Community development
- ★ Education
- ★ Telecommunications applications



We are accepting grant requests ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. Ten percent of the total grant award is contributed by Randolph Communications as the NTCA member partner.

Randolph Communications will collect and review all submitted applications and select the top three proposals to submit for consideration through the Foundation for Rural Service grant program.

For more information, visit www.rtc.net/communitygrant

Proposal Deadline:

August 19, 2026

Send your proposals and questions to Holly Coble at hcoble@rtmc.coop.

Bundle & Save

with

RANDOLPH COMMUNICATIONS

Most households today rely on multiple companies for internet, wireless, and home phone service. That often means separate bills, different customer service contacts, and fewer opportunities to save. Randolph Communications makes it simple by bringing **Internet, Wireless, and Home Phone** together in one place—with one local provider and real bundle convenience.

Easy as 1-2-3: Internet. Wireless. Home Phone. Everything you need to stay connected, simplified into one local solution.

Our Internet-only fiber plans start at **\$69.95/month** for 300 Mbps, **\$79.95/month** for 600 Mbps, and **\$109.95/month** for 1 Gig, giving you the speed you need for streaming, gaming, working from home, and everyday connectivity.

Internet + Phone starting at \$77.95

Wireless Line starting at \$45.00

YOUR TOTAL \$122.95/month

ONE BILL. EASY. CONVENIENT. LOCAL.

Wireless service is available starting around **\$45/month** per line, with additional savings when you add additional lines at only **\$30/month**. Home phone service can be added as a standalone option, or included in a bundle, for dependable calling and added value.

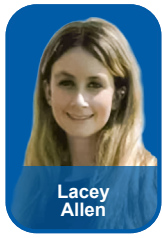
When services are purchased separately, it often leads to multiple monthly bills, different support channels, and less flexibility in managing overall costs.

Pricing can also vary across providers and promotions, making long-term budgeting more difficult.

With Randolph Communications, everything is simplified into one solution. You get one bill, one local support team, and the ability to manage all your essential services in one place. More importantly, you get a provider that lives and works in your community and is focused on keeping your home connected.

To learn more about bundling your services or to find the right plan for your home, please contact our team at **336-879-5684**. We'll be happy to help you get connected and start saving.

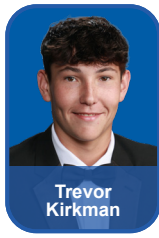
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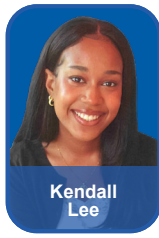
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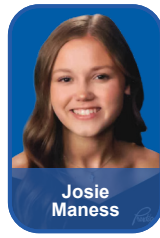
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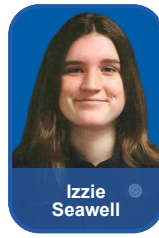
Lana Marley



Walker Minton



Josie Maness



Izzie Seawell



Ken Shibata




Randolph Communications, an advocate for education and rural development, is proud to announce the recipients of its annual scholarship program aimed at fostering personal growth and community investment. Nine outstanding students have been selected to receive scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, assisting them in the pursuit of their academic and career aspirations.

The scholarship recipients were chosen based on exemplary academic achievement, leadership potential, and a demonstrated dedication to creating positive change in their communities. Each recipient has shown a strong commitment to personal growth and a desire to make a meaningful impact.

“This scholarship program creates meaningful opportunities to expand educational resources for the next generation of leaders in our community. We are proud to support their journey and look forward to all they will accomplish,” said Kim Garner, CEO & General Manager of Randolph Communications.

Randolph Communications has awarded more than \$181,000 in scholarships since 1995 and remains committed to improving the lives of its customers and communities by supporting educational opportunities that help students reach their full potential.

2026 Randolph Communications
General Scholarship Recipients (\$1,000 each):

-  **Lacey Allen** – Randolph Early College High School (District 1, Coleridge)
-  **Cade Clewis** – North Moore High School (District 3, High Falls)
-  **Trevor Kirkman** – Providence Grove High School (District 7, Liberty)
-  **Kendall Lee** – Seaforth High School (Non-member District, Pittsboro)
-  **Lana Marley** – North Moore High School (Non-member District, High Falls)
-  **Josie Maness** – North Moore High School (District 2, Bennett)
-  **Walker Minton** – Providence Grove High School (District 7, Liberty)
-  **Izzie Seawell** – Montgomery County Early College (District 3, High Falls)
-  **Ken Shibata** – Uwharrie Charter Academy (District 3, High Falls)



FOUNDATION FOR
RURAL SERVICE

We're excited to share that Emma Morgan, a student from North Moore High School, has been awarded a prestigious \$2,500 scholarship through the Foundation for Rural Service!

Emma was selected from a highly competitive pool of more than 2,000 applicants from rural communities across the United States, with only 60 scholarships awarded nationwide. The FRS College Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding students as they begin their first year of college, university, or vocational-technical education. Each recipient is sponsored by an NCTA member company, including Randolph Communications.

Emma will graduate from North Moore High School and attend North Carolina State University this fall, where she plans to study Biological Sciences (Ecology, Evolution, & Conservation) along with Political Science.

Congratulations, Emma! Your local Co-op is proud to support you as you take this next big step in your academic journey.

Emma Morgan

North Moore High School Graduate
Plans to attend North Carolina State University



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DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3 - Independence Day Observed
(All Business Offices Closed)

Aug. 8 - 68th Annual Business Meeting

Randolph Telephone Membership Corp. was established in 1954 as a member-owned cooperative now serving eight exchanges in seven different counties. Randolph Telephone provides complete communication services such as local telephone access, business telephone systems, high-speed internet, security, camera surveillance, computer services and wireless services through its affiliate Randolph Communications.



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