

Local Student Selected for National Foundation Scholarship

Frances Louise Garrett, a junior at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Saint Mary of the Woods, IN, was selected to receive a \$1,000 academic scholarship by the Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED), a national charitable foundation located in Washington, DC, founded in 1989. Nominated by Communications Data Group (CDG), Champaign, IL, the given award is based on merit and demonstrated commitment to rural life. FRED will send the awarded scholarship award to St. Mary's on behalf of Frances in late August of 2014.



The FRED scholarship committee selected 54 students from rural areas throughout the United States. FRED awarded a total of \$75,000 in 2014, which brings the total scholarship amount to \$1.27 million. The program, now in its 22nd year, is made possible through the generosity of more than 500 small, independent telephone companies operating in rural areas across the United States and Canada. Bobbie McKay, from CDG wrote a letter of recommendation on behalf of Frances so that her application could be accepted and reviewed. "Frances has the scholastic and community service record, as well as an acute dedication to helping others, which will truly make the world a better place."

FRED strives to promote education and development in rural areas. Small telephone companies and their product services providers, including CDG, are valuable assets to their rural communities. CDG and FRED are helping to create educational opportunities for rural America's greatest resource, their younger generations. FRED has a longstanding history of supporting the educational efforts of rural youth. FRED's work in rural communities has a powerful impact not only on the people who receive funding directly, but also on the larger community as a whole.

"We are thrilled to award this prestigious scholarship to Frances Garrett. She was selected among an outstanding group of young people to represent 'the best of the best,'" said FRED Executive Director, Melissa Korzuch. "FRED aims to assist students with high potential for success and a strong desire to return to a rural community upon graduation. We were overwhelmed by the remarkable credentials of the applicants. Each of this year's FRED scholars is very intelligent and exceedingly active in their community. We hope they all will someday return to their hometowns to contribute to the community that clearly gave them an admirable, productive start in life."

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