

10-10 International Net, 2015 Scholarship Winners



My name is **Leonor Morrow**, AE5UF from Arroyo Hondo, NM and I am an incoming freshman at Georgetown University. Thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of the 10-10 Scholarship. This means so much to me and will greatly help in alleviating the cost of attending school. I am honored to receive this scholarship and will be forever grateful for the opportunity to attend school with a lessened financial burden. This aid will help me devote more time to my studies. I will be majoring in Culture and Politics through the School of Foreign Service. With this major, I plan to focus on linguistics and its role in international affairs. In the future, I would like to travel and discover unfamiliar cultures. I see myself going on to do many things, ranging from anthropology to law. I would also be interested in a career with the State Department. Some of my hobbies include writing and photography. My poems have been published in several literary magazines, and I have won two contests for my landscape photographs. You can see the link to my website on QRZ.com.

I was first introduced to Amateur Radio by my step-father, Michael Kittredge, NM5MK. Because we live in a small, rural community, he thought it would be useful for me to obtain a license for communication purposes, especially in surrounding areas where there is no cell phone service. However, after receiving my Technician's license, I realized that ham radio could be more than just a utility. With a license, I am able to communicate with people from all over the world. I have always loved travel and culture, so the opportunity to reach out to others in different countries appealed to me greatly. When my step-father had the chance to speak with a scientist living in Antarctica, I knew that I wanted to get more involved in amateur radio. Newly motivated, I received my General license a few months after passing my technician test. Then, a few weeks after that, I received my Amateur Extra license. Now, in addition to communicating with my family, I am able to talk to others from around the globe.

Soon after receiving my Technician license, my step-father and a few of his friends started the Taos Amateur Radio Club. I became the first secretary, helping out by taking notes at meetings. In 2013, I was the winner of the Rocky Mountain Young Ham of the Year award. I have always been fascinated with amateur radio because it is a way of uniting people from all around the globe. It is a communication method that transcends borders and allows for open conversation between different cultures.



I am Neil Eelman, KD2BNL from Stewartville, NJ. I am 17 years old and will be attending Drexel University in the honors program as a full-time student with the eventual goal of working toward a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. I plan to pursue a career in green energy or space exploration as an R&D engineer. By awarding me this magnanimous scholarship, the financial strain of college has been lightened, and for that I am thankful beyond words. The less time I spend worrying over college payments, the more time I can spend studying and learning.

As a ham radio operator I have enjoyed many memorable contacts, including the International Space Station during my Junior year in high school. I earned my Extra class amateur radio license in 2012, and I also have a General Radiotelephone Operator License and a Certified Electronics Technician license. I am interested in a wide range of topics in electronics, such as circuit design and construction, analog and digital circuitry, and computer technology. Recently I built an antenna for a repeater in my community. Also, I have been an active, leading member in my high school's radio club, and I support a local family resource center. Other activities have been as a member of National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society, and I was proud to be the valedictorian of my class. Outside of the realms of ham radio and electronics, I enjoy hiking, running, reading, and playing hockey.

I am honored and grateful to have been selected as one of the recipients of this scholarship. It is even more satisfying knowing that the scholarship is coming from the ham radio community, which I am proudly a part of. The generosity and altruism of fellow amateur radio operators never ceases to awe me. In time, I hope to be able to assist others in my position, just as you have. It is difficult to explain just how truly helpful this scholarship is. Without it, I have no doubt that I would have been overwhelmed by the cost of education and the prospect of numerous student loans. I look forward to providing financial assistance for other young adults' college educations in the future. Again, thank you very much for the scholarship. I wish all of you the best of health and luck.