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Tower Family Foundation Expands Scholarship Program

Severely Injured Tower Workers Now Eligible to Receive Scholarships to Continue Post-Secondary Education

(Watertown, SD) - The Tower Family Foundation, a 501c-3 non-profit organization, announced today that the eligibility criteria for its scholarship program has been expanded to include *severely injured* or *permanently disabled* tower workers. The revised scholarship guidelines are effective immediately and will ensure that eligible tower workers who sustain serious injuries on the job can now receive a Tower Family Foundation scholarship to continue their post-secondary education efforts. The Foundation's previous eligibility criteria focused exclusively on providing scholarship funds to the *legal dependents* of injured or deceased tower workers.

"The expansion of the Tower Family Foundation scholarship program is yet another tangible step that helps fulfill the organization's primary mission of providing support and caring for industry workers and their families," stated Board of Directors member Jim Coleman from AT&T. "The financial resources available through the Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Program offers great opportunities for injured workers who can no longer work in the industry to continue their education," added Coleman.

The Tower Family Foundation was established in 2014 to help provide financial assistance to family members of a severely injured, permanently disabled, or deceased tower worker injured

or killed in an accident stemming from working at heights on communication structures or other on-the-job related activities that tower workers are involved in on a daily basis. All contributions to the organization are granted directly to eligible tower workers and/or their families to pay for scholarships and help assist them in paying for their immediate needs and related costs that occur in the aftermath of a post-accident or fatality situation.

Impacted tower workers and their families are encouraged to review the Tower Family Foundation's Scholarship Eligibility Criteria [HERE](#). The Tower Family Foundation Scholarship Application can be downloaded ([HERE](#) –the new application form will be linked here).

About the Tower Family Foundation

The Tower Industry Family Support Charitable Foundation was established to help provide financial assistance to family members of severely injured, permanently disabled, or deceased tower workers injured or killed in an accident stemming from working at heights on communication structures or other on-the-job-related activities that tower workers are involved in on a daily basis. The intent of the donating is to provide a funding “bridge” to the affected families to help pay for immediate needs and help defray other related costs that families experience in a post-accident or fatality situation. Learn more about the Tower Family Foundation at <http://towerfamilyfoundation.org/>.