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Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship is now live on-line

Santel Communications is proud to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 Ray Judy Memorial Scholarship.

This annual scholarship honors the legacy of Ray Judy, a founding member of Santel Communications and its General Manager from 1955 to 1985. Ray played a pivotal role in building the cooperative and believed deeply in investing in young people and the future of rural South Dakota.

The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors whose parents or guardians are Santel customers and who plan to attend a post-secondary college, university, or technical school in South Dakota. Selected recipients will be awarded financial assistance to help with tuition, books, or other educational expenses.

What's new this year:
We've moved the entire application process online.

Students can now complete and submit their application, upload required documents, and track their progress through a simple, step-by-step online form. No printing. No mailing. No chasing paperwork around the kitchen table the night before the deadline.

We're excited about this new format because it makes the process easier for students, parents, and counselors.

How to apply:
Visit **santel.coop/scholarship-application/** to view full eligibility requirements and start the application. The application can also be found by navigating our website to **About Us → In the Community.**

Application deadline:
All applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24.

We're proud to continue Ray Judy's legacy by supporting the next generation of students right here in our local communities.

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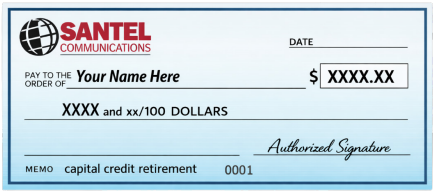


Santel has published a list of uncleared capital credit checks on our website. These are checks issued to members that were never cashed or successfully delivered. If your name is on the list, please contact us so we can get your check to you.

Visit **santel.coop** to view the list.

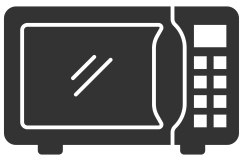
7 things to never put by your WiFi Router Pg 2

If your WiFi feels slow, spotty, or about as dependable as a South Dakota blizzard forecast, the problem is likely not your Internet service at all. It might be what's sitting next to your router.

A lot of everyday household devices quietly interfere with WiFi signals, especially in the 2.4 GHz band. Just putting a little distance between them and your router can make a noticeable difference.

Keep these common troublemakers away from your router:

Bluetooth Devices



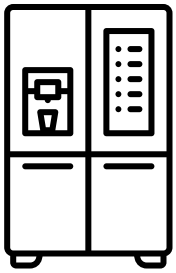
Microwaves

Baby Monitors

Cordless Phones

Aquariums

Wireless Cameras



Metal Surfaces (Ex:Fridge)

New Telephone Lines:

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