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**MINNESOTA TELECOM ALLIANCE FOUNDATION**

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**MINNESOTA TELECOM ALLIANCE FOUNDATION  
2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Award amount: \$2,000**

**REQUIRED ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

***YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF IT IS INCOMPLETE.***

The following documents must accompany this application:

1) A copy or certificate, verified by an appropriate school official, stating the applicant's Grade Point Average (GPA) and high school transcript, including courses taken and grades received, from the first year of high school to date of application.

2) A written essay by the applicant containing no more than 500 words, answering these questions:

- \* What is your primary goal in life?
- \* Why did you choose that goal?
- \* How do you expect to achieve that goal?

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, A MINNESOTA RESIDENT AND APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR A \$2,000 GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST ONE SERVICE FROM A TELEPHONE COMPANY THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE MINNESOTA TELECOM ALLIANCE.

**Once completed, this application must be printed and submitted to Red River Communications by February 17, 2023, either by mailing or delivering your application.**

**Mail the completed application to:**

**Red River Communications  
Attention: Donna Thiel  
PO Box 136  
Abercrombie, ND 58001-0136**

**OR**

**Drop off completed application at either location:**

**510 Broadway in Abercrombie, ND  
522 Dakota Ave in Wahpeton, ND**

**Questions? Contact Donna at 701-553-8243 or email [donnathiel@redrivercomm.com](mailto:donnathiel@redrivercomm.com).**

If you are selected to receive this scholarship, it will be paid to you **at the end of the 2023-2024 school year** after showing the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation that you have successfully completed your academic work.



**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(All forms are to be neatly printed or typed.)

**Personal Information**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address (if different from applicant)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

List in chronological order all schools attended in the last three years, including any summer or special courses.

Name of School	Location (City)	Date of Attendance
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Name of College/Technical College to Attend (1st Choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College/Technical College to Attend (2nd Choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Course of Study or Major (You may indicate more than one, or answer "undecided")  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted at any school?    Yes    No

If so, which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been awarded (or reasonably expect to receive) other grants or scholarships?    Yes    No

If so, please complete section below:

Name of Award / Grant or Scholarship?	Amount	Granted	Pending
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Activities and Work Experience**

List any academic distinction or honors you have won in high school (grades 9-12) and grade level in which it was achieved. Add additional pages as needed.

Academic Distinction or Honor	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List school and community activities in which you have been actively engaged in the last four years and which you feel have been most meaningful to you. (Activity, number of years, grade level participated, class offices held). Add additional pages if needed.

List jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past four years. (Job or type of work, employer, year, number of hours worked weekly and how long you worked there. You may use additional sheets if necessary.)

## Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, type a statement of NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS answering these questions:

1. What is your primary goal in life?
2. Why did you choose that goal?
3. How do you expect to achieve that goal?

## Explanation/Special Circumstances

Please use this space to explain any special circumstances. (Ex: illness, disabilities, major tragedies or family issues).

## Application Checklist and Signature

This application for student aid becomes complete and valid only when you have returned the following materials.

Application

Current Transcript of Grades

Essay

All Required Signatures

Application Deadline

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for:

### **One \$2,000 Jon Tollefson Technology Scholarship:**

To be eligible, applicants must be a high school senior with plans to major in either Telecommunications or Information Technology (IT) at a university, college, or technical college and be a Minnesota resident.

### **One of five \$2,000 General Scholarships:**

To be eligible, applicants must be a high school senior with plans on attending post-secondary education at a university, college, or technical college, be a Minnesota resident, and the applicant's family must subscribe to at least one service from an MTA member company.

## **CHECK LIST FOR MTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Are all of the following complete?

Student's personal information

Student's choice of school

Student's desired course of study

Essay of no more than 500 words

Number of students in class and the student's rank in class

Grade point average (GPA)

Total number of students enrolled in high school (grades 9-12)

Copy of ACT or SAT test scores

Student's transcripts, properly verified

Teacher, school counselor or administrator signatures

Applicant's signature

Local telephone company manager's verification



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### Academic Information and Transcript

High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full semester of post-secondary education must include a high school transcript of grades and have the following section completed by the appropriate school official.

Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_.

Total number of students in grades 9-12: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.0 scale

### For college-bound seniors, national percentile only.

School Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**MTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION VERIFICATION**

**\*TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL TELCO MANAGER  
AND SUBMITTED TO THE FOUNDATION BY March 10, 2023\***

Each application submitted to the MTA Foundation must include this endorsement.

**(DO NOT GIVE THIS FORM TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.)**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Review application and answer the following questions:

I have reviewed this application and find it to be complete.    Yes    No (If no, please comment)

The applicant lives in a household that subscribes to at least one service from my company.

Yes    No (If no, please comment)

Additional comments about this applicant:

I hereby verify that the above application has been reviewed by me for completeness and is being submitted to the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation for consideration to be awarded a scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Company \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

All information on this form will be kept in strict confidence.

The recipient of the MTA scholarship will receive an award of \$2,000. The scholarship will be paid at the end of the 2023-2024 school year upon showing successful completion of academic work.