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**MINNESOTA TELECOM ALLIANCE FOUNDATION
2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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, related to the following:
 - ❑ ① **What is your career goal?** Describe the profession or field you plan to pursue.
 - ❑ ② **Why did you choose this goal?** Explain what inspired your interest in this career path.
 - ❑ ③ **How do you plan to achieve this goal?** Outline the steps you intend to take, such as education, training, or other experiences that will help you succeed.
- 3) Application must be submitted to your local Telco for verification by the deadline stated on the form.
- 4) Application should be printed on one single page, not double sided.

There are two types of scholarships:

1. **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.
2. **One of five \$2000 General Scholarships:** To be eligible, applicants must be a high school senior with plans to attend 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.

**Note: The Bud Morrow Scholarship will be awarded to the highest scoring applicant in this category.*

Once completed, this application must be printed (one single side) and include it with the rest of the information requested and submitted to Red River Communications, PO Box 136, Abercrombie, ND 58001 or drop off at 510 Broadway in Abercrombie by February 13, 2026.

If you are selected to receive this scholarship, it will be paid to you at the end of the 2026-2027 school year after showing the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation that you have successfully completed your academic work.



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(All forms are to be completed)

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

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

Academic Distinction or Honor	Grade

List the school and community activities you have actively participated in over the past four years. For each activity, specify the name, number of years involved, grade levels participated, and any leadership roles or positions held. (You may add an additional page). Select one activity which was meaningful and explain why it was meaningful to you.

Example:

Activity	Years Involved	Grade Levels	Leadership Roles/Positions Held
Student Council	3 years	10th-12th	Treasurer (11th), President (12th)

Work Experience

List all jobs you have held in the past four years. List employer, job type, years and months worked. Hours per week. (You may use additional sheets if necessary)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Job type</u>	<u>Year and Number of Months Worked</u>	<u>Hours Per Week</u>
(e.g) Hyvee	Cashier	2021 - 4 months	10

Essay

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

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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
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Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

I am applying for:

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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)
- Student's transcripts, properly verified
- Teacher, school counselor or administrator signatures
- Applicant's signature
- Local telephone company manager's verification**



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.

Applicants rank _____ 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 _____