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**MINNESOTA TELECOM ALLIANCE FOUNDATION
2025 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, answering these questions:

- * What is your career related goal?
- * Why did you choose that goal?
- * How do you expect to achieve that goal?

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, 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 your local telephone company manager by February 14, 2025.

For TDS customers only, please send your application to:

Angie Dickison
TDS
525 Junction Road
Madison, WI 53717

Once you have completed and printed the form, include it with the rest of the information requested for the application process.

If you are selected to receive this scholarship, it will be paid to you at the end of the 2025-2026 school year after showing the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation that you have successfully completed your academic work.



2025 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.

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).

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:

1. What is your career related goal?
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
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Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

I am applying for:

One \$3,000 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. **Note: The Bud Marrow Scholarship is given to the highest scoring applicant and will receive an additional \$1,000.**

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.

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 7, 2025***

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 2025-2026 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 scholarship will be paid at the end of the 2025-2026 school year upon showing successful completion of academic work.