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**MINNESOTA TELECOM ALLIANCE FOUNDATION
2021 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 ACT/SAT test scores, 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?
- 3) Two appraisal forms, one from a school counselor, advisor or administrator and the other from a teacher of the applicant's choosing. The appraisal addresses character, personality, skills and other relevant information concerning the applicant.
- 4) ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE MINNESOTA RESIDENTS 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 19, 2021.

If you are a TDS customer, please send your application to:

Jean Pauk
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 2021-2022 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 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 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

Applicant Appraisal (2)

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 majoring in either Telecommunications or Information Technology (IT) at a university, college, or technical college and be a Minnesota resident.

One of six \$2,000 General Scholarships: To be eligible, applicants must be 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

Two appraisals completed by administrator/advisor/counselor/teacher

Teacher, school counselor or administrator signatures

Applicant's signature

Local telephone company manager's verification



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Required Applicant Appraisal

Name of Student _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, ADVISOR, INSTRUCTOR, OR SUPERVISOR.

You have been asked to provide information in support of this application for financial aid. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant or photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope.

	extremely appropriate	very appropriate	moderately appropriate	inappropriate

The applicant's choice of a post secondary education program is				

	extremely well	very well	moderately well	not well

The applicant's achievements reflect his or her ability				

_____ The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources

_____ The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative

_____ The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks

	excellent	good	fair	poor

The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is				

_____ The applicant's commitment to school and community is

_____ The applicant's respect for self and others is

Comments

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____

Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Appraiser's School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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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

SAT

Verbal: _____

Math: _____

ACT

Standard English: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Composite: _____

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 12, 2021***

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 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year upon showing successful completion of academic work.