



\$8,000 Available to High School Seniors

The West Central Telephone Association (WCTA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the West Central Telephone Scholarship Program. We are committed to the future of rural Minnesota, and therefore invest in our youth. We believe that academic achievement in high school and service to one's community should be recognized. This program has been established to encourage youth in our area to further their education after graduating from High School.

The West Central Telephone Scholarship Program has designated eight \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors whose parents are customers/members of WCTA. To be eligible, the applicant must currently be a high school senior who plans to attend a college, university, vocational or technical post-secondary school. The student's parent(s) or guardian(s) must be members of WCTA and receiving telephone, internet or television service from WCTA.

To be considered for this year's scholarship, applications must be submitted no later than **March 27, 2026**.

Qualifications

- 1) The applicant must be entering the first year of an accredited college, university, technical or community college with a minimum program of 9 months;
- 2) The applicant must have maintained a minimum of a "C" average in high school;
- 3) The application must be completed online;
- 4) The applicant's parents must be members of WCTA and receiving service at the time of the application. Children of WCTA employees and board members are ineligible;
- 5) The applicant must have participated in extra-curricular activities in school, must have performed service within his or her school or community and must have exhibited good citizenship.

Application & Selection Procedure

The application may be completed online, printed and given to your high school counselor so that they may complete the Counselor's Report. ***The application must be submitted to WCTA prior to March 27, 2026.***

Please return entire application with a **wallet size photo**. The photo will be used only to publish the winners, and will not in any way be used in the selection process; it will not be returned.

Return to:

WCTA

Attn: Scholarship Committee

PO Box 304

Sebeka, MN 56477

The applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee selected by the WCTA Board of Directors. The scholarship winners will be **announced prior to June 1, 2026**. Eight \$1,000 scholarships may be awarded.

Any inquiries should be directed to Amy Olson at 218-837-5151. E-mail wcphone@wcta.net

Application Instructions

- Type all requested information into the online application.
- Complete the scholarship application in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.
- Complete the community activities, extracurricular activities and work experience sections.
- Choose a topic by selecting the box next to it and enter a 300-word essay in the space provided.
- Print application. Make sure your high school counselor completes the Counselor's Report, signs and dates it before returning it to you. **Return the entire application with a wallet size photo to WCTA no later than March 27, 2026.** Send completed application packets to: WCTA, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 304, Sebeka, MN 56477.

APPLICANT:

Full Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Name of Parents or Guardian

Date of Birth

Gender M or F

Email Address

High School

Signature

Date

Are you entering the telecommunications field?

Yes

No

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Activity	Grade Level	Positions Held / Honors Received / Letters Earned
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COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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WORK EXPERIENCE:

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300-WORD ESSAY:

TOPIC CHOICE (choose only one):

Discuss any issue of personal, local or national concern and its importance to you.

What are your personal and academic goals, and how has your school and community prepared you to achieve these goals?

What industry or opportunity would entice you to return to our rural area after completing your education, and why?

How has your volunteerism affected your philosophy and future goals or plans?

COUNSELOR’S REPORT:

Make sure your high school counselor completes the Counselor's Report, signs and dates it before returning it to you.

	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 10%)	One of the Best That I Have Ever Encountered
Positive Attitude					
Enthusiasm & Support of the School					
Respect for Others					
Leadership Qualities					
Academic Achievement					
Sense of Responsibility					
Principles and Values					

Applicant GPA _____

Class Rank _____ (ex. 15/60)

Comments

Signature _____ Date _____