

# 2016 Scholarship Application



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## \$6,000 Awarded to High School Graduates

For several years, Citizens Connected has been able to award scholarships for high school seniors whose parents, guardians, or foster parents have a minimum of telephone service with the Cooperative. Funds for these scholarships were obtained from unclaimed patronage refunds along with general funds. Current laws allow the Cooperative to use unclaimed patronage refunds to benefit students rather than lose the funds to the State Tax Department. This year there will be four (4) \$1,500 scholarships offered to four high school graduates from the class of 2016 within our serving area that plan to continue their education.

### Eligibility

Applicants:

- Must be a 2016 high school graduate whose primary residence is within the Cooperative's service area
- Parent(s), guardian, or foster parents must be a member in good standing and have had a minimum of telephone service for the past year with Citizens Connected.
- Must successfully complete the first semester of the 2016-17 school year at an accredited post-secondary college, university, vocational or technical institute and show proof of registration for the second semester before being eligible for the payment from Citizens Connected.

### Application Instructions

Applicants must:

- Type or print all information
- Complete all items on the application (Incomplete applications will not be considered)
- Submit a copy of your transcript
- Submit a Senior picture for announcing the winners in the area newspapers (Please do not staple)
- Submit an essay entitled "Why I have chosen my field of choice and what I plan to accomplish in this field?"

### Judging Criteria

40% - Essays (500 word maximum, 12-point font, double spaced with one inch margins) :

50% - Theme and content (Relevance and insight into the essay topic, validity of ideas, and thoroughness of presentation)

20% - Organization & Development (Clear & Logical development of essay)

20% - Grammar & mechanicals

10% - Style (Effectiveness & flow of writing)

30% - Letters of recommendations (1 to 3 letters of recommendation from a faculty, Cooperative member or employer)

30% - Community, volunteer & extracurricular activities

Deliver or mail no later than April 4, 2016 to: Citizens Connected  
Attn: Anneleise Willmarth  
328 W Main St  
PO Box 127  
New Auburn, WI 54757

## Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## Work Experience

List your work experience over the last four years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first.

Company	Position/Job Description	Dates of Employment From/To	Total Months Worked	Average Hours Per Week

## School Activities

List all school activities in which you have participated in the last three years (i.e., Athletics, Student Government, Clubs).  
Attach additional page if necessary

Activity	Years (1, 2, 3)	Position(s) Held (i.e. Treasurer)	Total Months Participated	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

## Community & Volunteer Activities

List all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last three years (i.e. volunteer efforts, church work).  
Attach additional page if necessary

Activity	Years (1, 2, 3)	Position(s) Held (i.e. Treasurer)	Total Months Participated	Average Hours Per Week	Comments

## Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that all of the information in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to Citizens Connected to contact my references and/or school if necessary, and to use my name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that I am selected.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Application Checklist*

- Completed Application Form
- Typed Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Senior Picture
- Copy of Transcript
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