

GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DUE FEBRUARY 1

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior and a customer of Great Plains Communications and subsidiaries.
2. Applicant must be accepted for admission at a Nebraska state or private college to pursue a Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree, to a Nebraska one- or two- year trade or technical school, to Northwest Technical Institute of Goodland, Kansas, or Mitchell Technical Institute of Mitchell, South Dakota for the fall term of the year the scholarship is awarded.
3. Applicant must have a very strong desire to return to their hometown (or other Great Plains Communications community) to pursue their career.
4. Applicant must explain career goals.
5. Applicant must complete the required application form and see that all forms are turned in by **February 1**.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the scholarship application form in full, enclose your most recent grade transcript, and mail it to the address below. It must be postmarked by **February 1**.

**Great Plains Communications, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 500
Blair, NE 68008-0500
Phone: 402-456-9511
E-mail forms to: scholarshipsgrants@gpcom.com
Or download the application form at www.gpcom.com/community/scholarships-grants.**

Have two individuals each write a letter of recommendation. Recommendations should not be given to the student; they should be mailed directly to the address above by those making the recommendation, and must be postmarked by **February 1**.

AWARD PROCEDURE

1. Up to ten \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded statewide each year.
2. Winners will be selected by a qualified committee.
3. Winners will be notified by mail by April 15.
4. The \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.

****Great Plains Communications encourages each eligible student to take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. The Great Plains Communications College Scholarship will be awarded without regard to an individual's race, color, national origin, creed, sex or disability.**

Archer – Arnold – Bancroft – Beemer – Belgrade – Bloomfield – Broken Bow - Byron – Callaway – Cedar Rapids – Center – Chadron-
Champion – Chapman – Chester – Cody – Cotesfield – Creighton – Crofton – Crookston – Culbertson – Deshler – Dodge – Eddyville –
Elgin – Enders – Ewing – Fordyce – Gordon – Grant – Hamlet – Hay Springs – Hayes Center - Herman – Hubbell – Huntley – Imperial –
Indianola – Kilgore – Lamar – Magnet – Merriman – Mirage Flats –McCook- Neligh – Niobrara – North Bend – Oakdale – Oconto – Page
– Palisade – Petersburg – Plainview – Ponca – Primrose – Ragan – Red Cloud – Reynolds – Riverton – Rushville – Santee – Scribner
– Snyder – Spalding – St. Edward – St. Helena – Stapleton – Stratton – Trenton – Tryon – Venango – Verdigre - Walnut – Wausa – Wilcox
– Winnetoon – Wisner – Wolbach – Wood Lake - Wynot

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please print or type. Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.
2. Enclose a copy of your most recent grade transcripts.
3. Two letters of recommendation are required.
4. One should be from a teacher; one from an adult friend.
5. Recommendations should not be given to the student; they should be mailed directly to **Great Plains Communications, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 500, Blair, Nebraska** and must be postmarked by **February 1**.
6. Application materials are to be mailed to the Great Plains Communications Office, and must be postmarked by **February 1**.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

High School _____ Guidance Counselor _____

ACTIVITIES

Please attach a separate resume or list of current and past extracurricular and community activities, as well as past and present employment.

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Please list any Colleges, Universities, or Trade or Technical schools where you have applied and/or have been accepted:

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

Each applicant should address the statements listed below in an essay format. The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and contain approximately 250 words. Essays will be evaluated on technical accuracy (spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.) and how clearly the student responds to the following statements:

1. Describe your career goals in 50 words or less.
2. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act?

CHECKLIST

Please make sure you have completed each of the following items and have included them with your application. Failure to do so may result in ineligibility.

I have included a copy of my most recent grade transcript with my application.

I have included an essay addressing the requested statements.

I have secured two people to write letters of recommendation. These letters will be sent separately.

I have attached a separate resume or list of current and past extracurricular activities, as well as past and present employment.

My references are _____ and _____.

CERTIFICATION/RELEASE STATEMENT

The information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. With my signature I give permission to Great Plains Communications to contact my references or guidance counselor if necessary, and send news releases to local newspapers in the event I am selected as a scholarship recipient.

Student Signature

Date

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RECOMMENDATION LETTER

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1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. Describe your perception of the student's educational and career goals. Has he/she expressed them clearly? Are they realistic and consistent with the student's abilities?
3. What adjectives best describe this student?
4. Describe ways in which you have witnessed this student demonstrate excellence and maturity.

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