



Northwest Communications Cooperative

January 11, 2016

Scholarship Administrator  
Trinity Chirstian High School  
2419 9th Ave West  
Williston, ND 58801

**Subject: NCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Dear Scholarship Administrator:

In support of continuing education for rural youth, Northwest Communications Cooperative (NCC) is proud to sponsor three scholarship programs. *To qualify, the applicants' parents or legal guardians must be members of and receiving local exchange telephone service from NCC.*

Applications for the following scholarships are enclosed. You may make copies of the enclosed application or additional applications may be obtained by contacting NCC at 701-568-3331 or 800-245-5884. The scholarship applications are also available on our website at [www.nccray.com](http://www.nccray.com).

- **Arthur S. Johnson Scholarship:** For the thirty-first year, NCC is sponsoring this scholarship which was established in honor of previous manager, Art Johnson, who worked for NCC from 1951 to 1985. NCC will be awarding four (4) \$1,000 scholarships in 2016. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors *and* students in post secondary institutions. *Application deadline is March 18, 2016.*
- **Kenneth Lund, Jr. Scholarship:** For the fourteenth year, NCC is pleased to sponsor a technology scholarship. This scholarship was established in honor of previous General Manager Kenneth Lund, Jr., who worked for NCC from 1969 to 2003. NCC will be awarding two (2) \$1,000 technology scholarships in 2016. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors *and* undergraduate students enrolled in a curriculum studying the telecommunications and/or computer technology field at an accredited technical school or a two or four-year college/university. *Application deadline is March 18, 2016.*



- **The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Scholarship:** For the twelfth year, NCC is excited to offer students in our local school districts the opportunity to apply for this national scholarship program sponsored by our national affiliate, the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA). In 2016, FRS will award thirty (30) \$2,500 scholarships to rural high school seniors. *This scholarship is not available to students in post secondary institutions.* Local students in our service area will be competing with other rural students in our NTCA region, which includes ND, SD, MN, and WI. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the 30 scholarships, FRS will fund \$2,000 and NCC will fund \$500. The FRS scholarship is *not* a scholarship based on grade point average. Rather, it is geared toward seniors who are good, solid students, but may not qualify for scholarship programs based solely upon GPA. Some preference may be given to individuals expressing an interest to return to work in a rural area following graduation. *Applications must be submitted to NCC by February 26, 2016, so they can be signed by our General Manager and mailed to FRS by March 1, 2016.*
- **The FRS Staurulakis Family Scholarship:** The FRS is proud to announce the fifth year of four scholarships funded by Manny and Leo Staurulakis, of John Staurulakis, Inc. (JSI) in honor of their parents, John and Chresanthe Staurulakis and to celebrate 50 years of service to the rural telephone industry. In 2016 JSI will award four (4) \$5,000 scholarships to rural high school seniors. *This scholarship is not available to students in post secondary institutions.* The application used for the above FRS Scholarship will be used for this scholarship. Students with a focus in the science, math, medicine, or engineering will be automatically considered for these Staurulakis Family Scholarships. With the generous addition of the Staurulakis Family Scholarships, the Foundation will offer nearly \$100,000 annually to help rural students attain a higher education. As stated above, *applications must be submitted to NCC by February 26, 2016 so they can be signed by our General Manager and mailed to FRS by March 1, 2016.*

Please make the enclosed application forms available to students who are interested in applying for these scholarships. Thank you for your assistance in getting this information out to the students. If you have any questions regarding the scholarships, please contact me at (701) 568-3331.

Sincerely,



Jilene Zerr  
Executive Assistant

Enclosures



# ARTHUR S. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**NCC Will Award Four (4) \$1,000 Scholarships in 2016!**

**SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:** NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
ATTN: JILENE ZERR  
PO BOX 38  
RAY, ND 58849-0038

**DEADLINE:** This application must be received in our office in Ray before 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2016 or postmarked by that date. Any late applications will be disqualified.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL ANSWERS:**

_____	_____	_____	
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(NCC Member Telephone #)	
_____		_____	_____
(Address)		(City)	(State) (Zip)
_____		_____	
(High School)		(High School Graduation Date)	
_____		_____	
(Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian)		(Address if Different)	

Two or four year accredited college/university you plan to attend or are attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Intended field/major: \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY:** This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors *and* students who are attending a two or four year accredited college or university. Previous winners of this scholarship are **not** eligible to apply.

Your parents or legal guardian must be members of *and* receiving **local exchange telephone service** from Northwest Communications Cooperative.

On the reverse side, or on a separate sheet of paper, list your participation in both school and community activities. Include if you placed at the state or national level in any competitions. **When using a separate sheet of paper, you must follow the format on the reverse side for listing the years and dates of your participation in school and community activities.**

On plain white paper, type (double space) a one-page essay on one of the three topics listed on the attached page. **The essay will be judged on title, content, grammar, and paragraph form. (Do not put your name on the essay paper. Do not reference your city location or where you are attending school. It should be completely anonymous.)**

Attach a copy of your *official* High School transcript (including your Senior grades), your *official* College transcript if you are attending college, and a copy of your ACT test results. **Your official senior High School transcript with seven semester grades must be included (Freshman through ½ of Senior year).**

**Your scholarship application will be judged on: (1) academics, (2) ACT scores, (3) extra High School activities, (4) community/volunteer/employment activities, and (5) essay paper.**

**\*\*ANY MISSING INFORMATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE.**

I understand my application will be considered in confidence. The scholarship selection committee for this scholarship has permission to view my academic records from school officials.

_____	_____
(Student Signature)	(Date)

**LIST ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION IN BOTH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.**

<b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES</b> (include organizational involvement, sports, leadership, science or math fairs, academic activities, music, note if you placed at the state or national level in any competitions, etc.)	<b>Circle the high school year(s) that you participated in each activity.</b>
<b>Sports:</b>	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
<b>Music:</b>	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
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	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
<b>Leadership:</b>	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
<b>Other:</b>	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
	Fr    So    Jr    Sr
<b>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b> (include volunteer work, organizational and church involvement, work history, etc.)	<b>List the beginning and ending dates (month/year) of your participation.</b>
<b>Religious &amp; Community Organizations:</b>	
<b>Work History &amp; Volunteer Work:</b>	

(Additional information may be included on an attached sheet, or copy this back page.)

**Essay Topics to choose from (choose one):**

- ⇒ **What are the most important issues the telecommunications field is facing today?**
- ⇒ **Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.**
- ⇒ **How has your family background affected the way you see the world?**

**\*\*Application Checklist**

- Completed application form (*Be sure the application is signed and dated*)
- Official High School transcript (*7 semesters minimum*)
- Official College transcript (*if applicable*)
- ACT Test results
- One-page essay (*Do not put your name on the essay paper*)
- Return application to NCC by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2016





# Northwest Communications Cooperative

## Kenneth Lund, Jr. Scholarship

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors *or* undergraduate students enrolled in a curriculum studying the telecommunications and/or computer technology field at an accredited *technical school, two-year college, or four-year college*.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Parents or legal guardians of applicants must be members of and receiving *local telephone service* from Northwest Communications Cooperative. Previous winners of this scholarship are **not** eligible to apply.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Scholarship applications must be received in our office in Ray before 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2016 or postmarked by that date. Any late applications will be disqualified.

**Submit application and attachments to:** NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE  
ATTN: JILENE ZERR  
PO BOX 38  
RAY, ND 58849-0038

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** On the reverse side of the application or on a separate sheet of paper, list your participation in both school and community activities. Include if you placed at the state or national level in any competitions. **When using a separate sheet of paper, follow the same format on the reverse side of the application for listing the years and dates of your participation in school and community activities.**

Attach a copy of your *official* high school transcript, your *official* college transcript if you are attending college, and a copy of your ACT test results. **Your official senior high school transcript with at least seven semester grades must be included (Freshman through ½ of Senior year).**

**ESSAY:** Submit a typed, double-spaced, one-page essay **describing your future plans in the telecommunications and/or computer technology industry.** (Do not put your name on the essay paper. Do not reference your city location or where you are attending school. It should be completely anonymous.)

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** With your application, submit one letter of recommendation from an individual who is not related to you. The letter of recommendation may be from one of your current educators, a local community leader, local business representative, etc.

**\*\*Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Make sure to:**

- Include your application form
- Attach your official high school transcript with at least seven semester grades
- Attach a copy of your ACT test results
- Attach your one-page essay *(Do not put your name on the essay paper)*
- Attach one letter of recommendation
- Sign your application

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Scholarship applications will be judged on: **(1)** essay paper (title, content, grammar, and paragraph form), **(2)** academics, **(3)** ACT score, **(4)** extra high school and community/volunteer/employment activities, and **(5)** letter of recommendation.

**INQUIRIES:** Any inquiries regarding the Northwest Communications Cooperative Scholarship Program should be directed to: Jilene Zerr, Executive Assistant  
(701) 568-3331 or (800) 245-5884

## **Qualifying Fields of Study:**

Computer Info Systems  
Computer Science  
Computer Support Specialist  
Computer Technology Management  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Electrical Engineering with Computer Science Focus  
Electronics/Telecommunications Technology  
Graphic Design  
Graphic Communications Technology  
Graphic Design & Communications  
Graphic Design & New Art Media  
Graphic Design Technology  
Information Processing Specialist  
Information Systems  
Information Technology  
Internet Applications  
Management Information Systems  
Scientific Computing  
Technology Education  
Web Page Development & Design

# Northwest Communications Cooperative

## Kenneth Lund, Jr. Scholarship

### Application Form

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Follow the instructions included on the cover page of this scholarship application. Any missing information will be considered an incomplete application and will be disqualified.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name) (First Name) (NCC Member Telephone #)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(High School) (High School Graduation Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian) (Address and Telephone # if Different)

List the technical school or two or four-year college you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Degree or Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(must be telecommunications and/or computer technology field to apply for this scholarship)*

Special Interests and Talents:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Honors and Awards:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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