

# Citizens Scholarships

2020 Application



*Your pathway to the world*



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

Since 1990, 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 Citizens Connected is giving four (4) \$1,500 scholarships to (4) 2020 high school graduates that permanently reside within our service area.

## Eligibility

Applicants:

- Must be a 2020 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 a minimum of telephone service for the past year with Citizens Connected.
- Must successfully complete the first semester of the 2020-21 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?"  
Essay Criteria: 500 word maximum, 12-point font, double spaced with one inch margins
- Application can be submitted via email to [awillmarth@citizens-connected.com](mailto:awillmarth@citizens-connected.com), dropped off in person at New Auburn main office or mail **by April 1, 2020** to: Citizens Connected

Attn: Anneleise Willmarth  
328 W Main St  
PO Box 127  
New Auburn, WI 54757

A scholarship committee made of Cooperative Members (non-employees and board members) will review all scholarships weighted on the following criteria:

- 40% - Essays : 50% - Theme and content (Relevance and insight into the essay topic 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 (up to 3 letters of recommendation from school faculty, Co-op member or employer)
- 30% - Community, volunteer & extracurricular activities

Student's name and school information will be omitted from paperwork for scholarship committee so the student remains anonymous during judging.

# 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

Application due in office or  
mailed no later than April 1, 2020