



## 2012 MTA/CORE SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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The Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA), in conjunction with CORE Telecom Systems, has joined forces to offer the MTA/CORE Scholarship. This scholarship is designed for **dependents of full or part-time employees, current directors, or owners (or their spouse) of a rural telephone company or independent telephone system in Montana** (Applicants may also be dependents of the statewide staff) regardless if their undergraduate studies will be completed at a Montana college or university or, at an out-of-state institution. The applicant may be either a graduating high school senior entering his or her freshman year of college or a current college undergraduate student. The applicant **must** be attending an accredited college or technical school. Graduate students are ineligible. Previous MTA/CORE Scholarship winners are not eligible for future MTA/CORE Scholarships.

The applicant must submit a completed & signed application form, which is available from your local rural telephone cooperative or independent telephone system (or you may obtain the application on MTA's website by going to the homepage at: [www.telecomassn.org](http://www.telecomassn.org)). The applicant must submit **two letters of recommendation** from current teachers and/or school officials; **one character reference letter** (separate from the letters just listed); a **personal statement detailing his or her goals**; and a copy of **current school transcripts**. The completed & signed application must then be returned to the MTA office. There MTA's Scholarship Committee will select the top candidate. Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

The Scholarship is funded from 1% of total revenues earned by CORE Telecom Systems in 2011 from all Montana Telco Companies. One (1) \$2000.00 scholarship will be awarded.

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based as follows:

Grade Point Average – 30%	Personal Statement - 25%
Letters of Recommendation – 25%	Activities in School & Community – 20%

All signed & completed applications must be **postmarked no later than Monday, March 5, 2012**. Packages with insufficient postage will be returned by the Postal Service and NOT paid by MTA. The MTA Scholarship Committee will choose the scholarship recipient from the applications received. Payment will be made by a joint check to the recipient and school, upon proof of registration. Scholarships must be claimed by December 31, 2012, or the money will be forfeited.

If you have any questions regarding the MTA-CORE Showcase Scholarship, please contact Angela Joki, MTA Office Manager, by calling 406-442-4316 or by Email at: [ajoki@telecomassn.org](mailto:ajoki@telecomassn.org).

**SUBMIT YOUR SIGNED AND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**  
**Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)**  
**Scholarship Committee**  
**208 N. Montana Avenue, Suite 105**  
**Helena, MT 59601**