



# MTA FOUNDATION, INC. 2016 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION \$50,000 in Scholarships

Twelve scholarships will be awarded in the following categories

## Academic Degree Scholarship (1 - \$7,500)

This is a four-year scholarship awarded to only one student. Applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school, correspondence study, or distance education program in MTA's service area. Applicant must be pursuing a four-year Bachelor Degree at any university campus and have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5.

## Academic Degree Scholarship (6 - \$5,000)

This scholarship will be awarded to five students. Applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school, correspondence study, or distance education program in MTA's serving area. Minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 required. Applicant must be pursuing a four-year Bachelor Degree at an accredited school.

## Continuing Education Scholarship (4 - \$2,500)

This scholarship will be awarded to three students. Current year graduating high school students are not eligible. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a part-time (at least 6 credit hours per semester or 4 hours per quarter) or full-time student in an accredited school in a program leading toward a Bachelor or Master's Degree. Applicant must have completed 12 or more credits with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

## Career & Technical Education Scholarship (1 - \$2,500)

This scholarship is ideal for students considering a career in a health, industrial, or technical field such as dental hygiene, nursing, diesel/heavy equipment operation or auto mechanics. Applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a part-time (or at least 6 credit hours per semester or 4 hours per quarter) or full-time student at an accredited school in a program leading toward a recognized license, certificate, or an Associates Degree. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the most recent educational institution attended (high school or post-secondary).

The MTA Foundation is excited to announce the launch of its scholarship program for 2016. The MTA Foundation Scholarships are designed to encourage individuals to pursue a variety of educational goals for not only first-time college students, but also returning students, students participating in a vocational program, or students pursuing professional development that leads to a degree or certification.



## Rules of Eligibility

- A) Applicants must be an active member of MTA, or a dependent of an active MTA member, who resides in MTA's service area.
- B) Applicants may be graduating seniors from a secondary school, or a student attending or planning to attend a college or vocational school.
- C) Awards are for students who will attend an accredited college or vocational school in the summer or fall of 2016, and be enrolled in a course of study that leads to a degree or certification.
- D) Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist on this application form to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- E) All materials, including application, transcript, and recommendation letters, must be submitted together.

## How to Apply (Checklist)

- Fully complete this application.
- Include a transcript from high school and/or college, trade or vocational technical school (up-to-date, unofficial transcript may be submitted with this application).
- Include at least one letter of reference from one of the following (signed and dated no earlier than August 5, 2015): Academic/School, Work/Volunteer, or Personal/Character Reference.
- Active MTA member MUST sign last page of this application (see "Rules of Eligibility, Item A" above).

## DEADLINE

Application and supportive documentation must be submitted electronically to the email [mtascholarship@mta-telco.com](mailto:mtascholarship@mta-telco.com) no later than midnight on, or before, **April 10, 2016**.

## Terms and Conditions

- All applications will be reviewed, and winners selected, by a qualified selection committee.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.
- The Committee will select the winners based on the merits of completed applications, which must include: a transcript, a completed application, a completed essay written by applicant, and at least one letter of reference.
- Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at an accredited educational facility, and will be issued by August 2016.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Winners will forfeit their scholarship if mandatory paperwork is not received by MTA within 60 days of notification that they have won.
- Scholarships awarded to high school students may be announced at high school senior award nights. All other scholarship recipients will be announced at MTA's Annual Membership Meeting on June 8, 2016.
- This application and all supporting documents become the property of MTA once received.



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*(Must be typed)*

Please indicate which of the scholarship categories you would like to be considered for  
*(check only one box).*

**Academic**     **Continuing Education**     **Career & Technical Education**

Name <i>(first, middle initial, last)</i>			
Mailing address			
Apartment/unit	City	State	Zip
Home phone		Mobile phone	
Email			
Parent/guardian name			
Parent/guardian address			
School presently attending			
Years attended		Date of graduation <i>(or anticipated date)</i>	
Program/area of concentration for college or vocational training			
List by year, for the last four years, your employment history <i>(attach additional page if more room needed)</i>			
List by year, for the last four years, your community service endeavors – include cumulative hours <i>(attach additional page if more room needed)</i>			
List by year, for the last four years, your extracurricular activities <i>(attach additional page if more room needed)</i>			

In 300-words or less, in your own words, answer the following question:  
***How would you use a broadband connection to improve your life and community?***

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that all answers to the preceding questions are true and correct. I understand that any false answers or deliberate omissions on this application may be grounds for rejection of this application and withdrawal of any award granted.

Applicant's signature	MTA member number
Applicant's printed name	Date

If applicant is not an MTA member, the applicant must be a dependent of an active MTA Member, who must sign below, in order for applicant to be eligible for scholarship award.

Active MTA member's signature
Active MTA member's printed name
Active MTA member's relationship to applicant
MTA member number
Date

## Questions

If you have any questions, call  
Connie Egger at  
(907) 761-2410



## Release

I \_\_\_\_\_  
give consent for Matanuska Telephone Association (MTA) to use, re-use and republish my name and likeness for purposes of advertising and promotion on behalf of MTA without further compensation.

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by written notice to MTA.

I have read this release, am familiar with its contents, and have had the opportunity to ask any questions prior to its execution.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian  
(if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_