

The following are answers to common questions about the Golden West Telecommunications Scholarship Program, the merit-based scholarship awards for senior high school students. Through its scholarship program, Golden West Telecommunications now awards about \$45,000 each year in college scholarships.

Who is Eligible?

1. The student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must reside within one of the Golden West telephone service areas (see list on page) and subscribe to a Golden West phone or internet service.
2. The applicant must be a high school senior.
3. Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) at an examination center of their choice no later than December 31 of their senior year.
4. Scholarship awards only applied to post-secondary institutions.
5. The recipient of the award must begin attending a post-secondary institution and taking 12 or more classroom credits the fall semester immediately following graduation from high school in order to be eligible for the scholarship.

How Many Scholarships Will You Award?

Scholarship awards will be one-year, \$1,000 scholarships. Golden West will offer 40-plus awards, including one at-large scholarship for a student attending a school not listed or home schooled, whose parent or guardian is a Golden West customer. Each high school will be eligible to receive one award. Applicants will compete against other applicants from their high school. At-large applicants will compete against other at-large applicants.

Who Will Select the Scholarship Winners?

The Selection Committee shall consist of the high school's principal and/or superintendent, who are not connected with the Golden West Scholarship Program. The Selection Committee will be responsible for the confidential review of each applicant's file. They alone will determine the scholarship award winners. At-large winners will be selected by a committee of Golden West employees not affiliated with the applicants.

How Will Applications Be Judged?

The Selection Committee will judge applicants' scholarship and leadership abilities based on the following information:

1. SAT or ACT scores
2. Transcript of high school credits
3. Scholarship Award Application

This is a merit-based scholarship program. Merit includes leadership in school, civic and other extracurricular activities; academic achievement; and the motivation to serve and succeed. Personal character is also very important. If two or more applications are extremely close in qualifications, the selection panel will use financial need as the tiebreaker.

How Do I Apply and What Are the Deadlines?

Students who are interested in competing for a Scholarship Award should apply in the following manner:

- Obtain a Scholarship Award Application from their local high school guidance counselor.
- Student completes Scholarship Award Application and submits it along with an up-to-date transcript of grades, SAT or ACT score results to the local High School Principal or Superintendent.
- Applications for 2022 graduates must be completed and returned to the school principal by March 15, 2023.
At-large applicants ONLY may email this form to scholarships@goldenwest.com.
- Students who attend any of the schools listed on page 2 must apply directly through the school.

How Will the Awards Be Administered?

Award winners will be announced at the respective graduation exercises attended by the winners and also will be published in the Golden West newsletter and our website. Golden West requires a photo of each winner for publication.

The award becomes final when the student has completed 12 hours in their first semester of their freshman year and enrolls in the second semester of their freshmen year in a post secondary institution. All checks are paid directly to the school; under no circumstance can we make payment directly to the student.

The scholarship monies may be used for tuition and fees, books and supplies. In order to receive payment, a student must have the school send to our Wall office a completed Verification of Enrollment form, whereupon we will issue our check, payable to the school, and mail it directly to the school to establish a credit in the name of the student.

If a student terminates his or her course for any reason, the unused balance of the scholarship MUST be returned directly to the Golden West Telecommunications Scholarship Program. It may NOT be transferred to another school and it may NOT be paid to the student personally.

In our scholarship program, it is the responsibility of the student to follow up on all matters relating to his or her scholarship. In all correspondence relating to a student who has won, or is applying for, a scholarship award, we must have the full name AND Social Security number of the student.

Where Can I Get More Information?

GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

415 Crown Street, PO Box 411 • Wall, SD 57790-0411

Toll Free: 1-855-888-7777 • www.goldenwest.com • scholarships@goldenwest.com



2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Deadline March 15, 2023

Do your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) reside within a Golden West telephone area and have our service?

Yes. (See communities and list of telephone prefixes in the Scholarship Rules and Guidelines).
If you checked yes, go on to question 2.

No. If you answered no, you're ineligible for the Golden West Scholarship.

Applicant's Name _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Class _____ Rank _____ GPA _____

Name / Address of High School _____

School Attendance Record

Grade 9 _____ Grade 11 _____

Grade 10 _____ Grade 12 _____

School Office Held

Grade 9 _____

Grade 10 _____

Grade 11 _____

Grade 12 _____

School Activities

Grade 9 _____

Grade 10 _____

Grade 11 _____

Grade 12 _____

Honors and Awards _____

Community Service and Involvement _____

List Employment History in past 2 years _____

School you plan to attend _____ Major (if known) _____

I declare and affirm that the applicant MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT OF THEIR PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) RESIDING WITHIN ONE OF THE GOLDEN WEST TELEPHONE SERVICE AREAS AND HAVE SERVICE WITH GOLDEN WEST, and that this application has been completed in good faith and is, to the best of our knowledge, correct. Please return the completed form to the superintendent or principal by March 15, 2023.

At-Large applicants ONLY may email this form to scholarships@goldenwest.com.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian _____

Signature of Counselor _____



2023 Scholarship Recipient Notification

(to be completed by school)

To be completed by school official and returned to Golden West by April 14, 2023.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT INFORMATION

Student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must reside within the Golden West service area and subscribe to a Golden West service (phone or internet).

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Post Secondary Institution: _____

A photograph and short biography MUST be included with this scholarship recipient notification.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD INFORMATION

Scholarship's are Awarded at: ☐ Graduation ☐ Awards Ceremony

Scheduled Dates: _____

Scheduled Times: _____

Location of Event: _____

Do you want a Golden West Representative present to award the scholarship? ☐ Yes ☐ No

WHEN WILL THE STUDENT BE NOTIFIED OF THE AWARD?

☐ Already notified ☐ Prior to the presentation ☐ At the presentation

School Official Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature of School Official: _____

If you desire to have a Golden West representative award the scholarship, we will make every attempt to have someone present at the ceremony. We will contact you with this information. If you have questions please contact Amy Bertram **1-855-888-7777** • scholarships@goldenwest.com.

Mail to: Amy Bertram, Golden West Telecommunications P.O. Box 411, Wall, SD 57790