



October 11, 2011

Attention: Guidance Counselor

Dear Counselor:

Great Plains Communications is pleased to offer the following programs of educational assistance as part of our "Commitment to the Schools." During the 2011-2012 school year, we will be offering the following programs for your participation:

**Trade and Technical Scholarship**--The Great Plains Trade and Technical Scholarship is offered to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a trade or technical school in Nebraska. Up to six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded statewide. (Please note the change in the number and monetary amount of the scholarships.) Applicants must live in a community where Great Plains Communications provides telephone or cable television service. Information is available on our web page at <http://www.gpcom.com/about/scholarships>.

**Long Distance Scholarship**--The Great Plains Long Distance Scholarship is offered to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a Nebraska college or trade school and enroll in an agricultural related program. Applicants must be a Great Plains Long Distance customer. Information is available on our web page at <http://www.gpcom.com/about/scholarships>.

In addition to these programs offered by Great Plains, we would also like to make you aware of a program being offered by FRED, the Foundation for Rural Education and Development. FRED offers educational assistance programs through member telephone companies.

**FRED Scholarship Fund**--The FRED Scholarship Fund provides educational opportunities for individuals with a rural background who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade/vocational school and have demonstrated a commitment to rural life. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for general and internship scholarships, with up to \$5,000 being awarded to the top applicant.

Since this application requires a sponsorship letter from the telephone company, please mail the application located in the enclosed FRED brochure, and the requested documents by **January 30, 2012** to: Great Plains Communications, Inc., Attention: Jacque Wilkins, P.O. Box 500, Blair, NE 68008. We will enclose a sponsorship letter and forward the packet to the FRED Scholarship Committee prior to their February 13, 2012 deadline. You may wish to view the FRED web page at <http://www.fred.org>.

In addition to these scholarship opportunities, FRED also offers the "**Leadership through Learning Program.**" This program is open to high school juniors and seniors who live in the service area or attend a high school served by a sponsoring company. Recipients will spend an all expense-paid week in our nation's capital to learn about government, civic affairs, and telecommunications regulation as well as to meet students their own age from all parts of the country. This application also requires a sponsorship letter from the telephone company. Please mail the enclosed application and the requested documents to: Great Plains Communications, Inc., Attention: Molly Meeves, P.O. Box 500, Blair, NE 68008 by **December 1, 2011**. We will enclose a sponsorship letter and forward the packet to the FRED Leadership Through Learning Committee prior to their December 9, 2011 deadline. You may wish to view the FRED web page at <http://www.fred.org>.



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We are also a member of the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) that offers the following scholarship opportunity to customers of its member companies.

**FRS College Scholarship Program** – The FRS College Scholarship Program offers scholarship opportunities to rural high school seniors who express an interest in returning to a rural area to pursue their careers after graduating from college. Should a student from our service area be selected to receive one of the 30 national scholarships (\$2,000 each) we will make a \$500 matching contribution to the scholarship, bringing the total scholarship award to \$2,500. Scholarship winners are asked to provide a wallet-sized photograph for publicity purposes.

This application requires a signature of one of our Managers or Board Members and must be postmarked to the FRS office by March 1, 2012. It can be downloaded from the FRS webpage at: <http://www.frs.org>. Please see that the application is mailed to Great Plains Communications, Inc., Attention: Lois Dein, P.O. Box 500, Blair, Nebraska 68008 prior to **February 22, 2012**. We will obtain the necessary signature and forward it to the FRS Scholarship Committee prior to their March 1 deadline.

**Medical Transcription Scholarship** – This scholarship is offered to customers of Great Plains Communications who are enrolled in a Medical Transcription certification program. Once requirements are met and the certificate is received, Great Plains Communications will reimburse the student with a \$500 scholarship.

Enclosed you will find detailed information and application packets for the Trade and Technical Scholarship, the Long Distance Scholarship, the Cable Television Scholarship, the FRED Scholarship, the Leadership Through Learning Program, the FRS Scholarship, and the Medical Transcription Scholarship. Please feel free to photocopy any of the application forms as needed. Please encourage your students and staff to make use of these opportunities.

For assistance or additional information regarding any of our scholarship programs, please contact Molly Meeves at 800-642-9330, ext. 6403 or e-mail her at [mmeeves@gpcom.com](mailto:mmeeves@gpcom.com); Jacque Wilkins at 800-642-9330, ext. 6524 or e-mail her at [jwilkins@gpcom.com](mailto:jwilkins@gpcom.com); or Lois Dein at 800-642-9330, ext. 6405, or e-mail her at [ldein@gpcom.com](mailto:ldein@gpcom.com).

Sincerely,



Molly Meeves  
Manager Special Services

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GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
TRADE AND TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY

**DUE MARCH 1, 2012**

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior and must also fulfill at least one of the following criteria:
  - a. Applicant is a customer of Great Plains Communications and/ or Great Plains Communications Cable Television.
  - b. Applicant is a child or grandchild of an employee of Great Plains Communications and/ or Great Plains Communications Cable Television.
  - c. Applicant is a student-employee of Great Plains Communications and/ or Great Plains Communications Cable Television.
2. Applicant must enroll in a Nebraska one- or two- year trade or technical school for the fall term of the year the scholarship is awarded.
3. All programs of study will be considered, however specific areas of focus are: Accounting, Agriculture, Auto Repair, Computer Repair, Cosmetology, Daycare, Dental Assistant, Education, Medical Transcription and Nursing.
4. Applicant must have a very strong desire to return to their hometown (or other Great Plains Communications community) to pursue their career.
5. Applicant must explain career goals.
6. Financial need will be considered.
7. Applicant must complete the required application form and see that all forms are turned in by March 1.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the scholarship application form in full.
2. Have one of your administrators or your counselors complete the Educator's Recommendation form.
3. Mail your completed application form, the educator's recommendation form, and your most recent grade transcript by March 1 to:

Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Lois Dein  
Great Plains Communications, Inc.  
P.O. Box 500  
Blair, NE 68008-0500  
Phone 1 800/642-9330 Ext. 6405  
E-mail for forms to: [ldein@gpcom.com](mailto:ldein@gpcom.com)  
Or download the application form at [www.gpcom.com/about/scholarships](http://www.gpcom.com/about/scholarships).

AWARD PROCEDURE

1. Up to six \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded statewide each year. Two additional scholarships will be awarded to children or grandchildren of employees of Great Plains Communications and/ or Great Plains Communications Cable Television.
2. Winners will be selected by a qualified committee.
3. Winners will be notified by mail by **April 1**.
4. The \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.

\*\*Great Plains Communications encourages each eligible student to take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. The Great Plains Communications Trade and Technical scholarship will be awarded without regard to an individual's race, color, national origin, creed, sex or disability.

Archer – Arnold – Bancroft – Beemer – Belgrade – Bloomfield – Broken Bow – Byron – Callaway – Cedar Rapids – Center – Chadron – Champion – Chapman – Chester – Cody – Cotesfield – Creighton – Crofton – Crookston – Culbertson – Deshler – Dodge – Eddyville – Elgin – Enders – Ewing – Fordyce – Gordon – Grant – Hamlet – Hay Springs – Herman – Hubbell – Huntley – Imperial – Indianola – Kilgore – Lamar – Magnet – Merriman – Mirage Flats – McCook – Neligh – Niobrara – North Bend – Oakdale – Oconto – OshKosh – Page – Palisade – Petersburg – Plainview – Ponca – Primrose – Ragan – Red Cloud – Reynolds – Riverton – Rushville – Santee – Scribner – Snyder – Spalding – St. Edward – St. Helena – Stapleton – Stratton – Trenton – Tryon – Venango – Verdigre – Walnut – Wausa – Wilcox – Winnetoon – Wisner – Wolbach – Wood Lake – Wynot





GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS EDUCATOR'S RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please Type)

DUE MARCH 1, 2012

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please state why you feel this applicant would be a good choice as a recipient of this scholarship.

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How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS LONG DISTANCE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**DUE MARCH 1, 2012**

1. Applicant must be a Great Plains Communications Long Distance customer.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
3. Applicant must plan to attend a Nebraska College or Trade School to enroll in an Agricultural related program.
4. Applicant must have a desire to return to their hometown (or other Great Plains Communications' community) to pursue their career.
5. Applicant must explain career goals and reasons for applying.
6. Children and grandchildren of Great Plains Communications' employees are ineligible.
7. Financial need will be considered.
8. Applicant must complete the required application form and see that all forms are turned in by **March 1.**

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. Complete the scholarship application form in full. Application forms may be photocopied, downloaded from <http://www.gpcom.com/about/scholarships> or requested through the e-mail address [mmeeves@gpcom.com](mailto:mmeeves@gpcom.com).
2. Have one of your administrators or your counselor complete the Educator's Recommendation form.
3. Complete the statement of financial need that informs the selection committee of anticipated expenses including tuition, books and room and board; sources of educational funding available to student; and any additional extenuating circumstances the applicant feels the committee should know.

4. Mail your completed application form and the educator's recommendation form by March 1 to:

Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Molly Meeves  
Great Plains Communications, Inc.  
P.O. Box 500  
Blair, NE 68008-0500

Phone 800/642-9330 Ext. 6403 Or E-mail for forms to: [mmeeves@gpcom.com](mailto:mmeeves@gpcom.com)

**AWARD PROCEDURE**

1. One \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded statewide each year.
2. Winners will be selected by a qualified committee.
3. Winners will be notified by mail by **April 1.**
4. The \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.

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**GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS LONG DISTANCE  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or P.O. Box #) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
School Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or P.O. Box #) (City) (State) (Zip)

School You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address or P.O. Box #) (City) (State) (Zip)

Have you made an application to the school? \_\_\_\_\_ Were You Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

High School Honors, Awards, and Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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Summary of your educational and career plans \_\_\_\_\_  
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Statement of financial need \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature of Applicant

\*\*Great Plains Long Distance encourages each eligible student to take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. The Great Plains Long Distance scholarship will be awarded without regard to an individual's race, color, national origin, creed, sex or disability.

# GREAT PLAINS LONG DISTANCE EDUCATOR'S RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please Type)

DUE MARCH 1

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please state why you feel this applicant would be a good choice as a recipient of this scholarship.

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How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Class Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Transcription Scholarship Application

APPLICANT'S NAME:		
Business Mailing Address:	City:	Zip:
Business Telephone:		
Business Fax:		
Email:		
Web Page Address:		

The following requirements must be met to receive a Scholarship from Great Plains Communications:

- All information on this form must be provided and complete.
- Scholarship recipient must provide copy of Graduation Certificate to Great Plains Communications.
- Once requirements are met and certification is received, Great Plains Communications will reimburse the student with a scholarship of \$500.
- The student must be a client receiving communication services from Great Plains Communications to be eligible for the scholarship.
- Scholarship application is to be returned to Great Plains Communications within 10 business days following course completion.
- The applicant must agree to allow Great Plains Communications to use his or her name, photograph, biographical information, and other details for news coverage, public relations, and other uses at the company's discretion.

For assistance please contact:

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P.O. Box 500  
Blair, NE 68008  
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**Please Note:** Some medical transcription opportunities may require previous work experience in the medical field in addition to training.