



BEK COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BEK Communications Cooperative is a private, non-profit cooperative established to provide rural communications services, enhance the rural lifestyle and encourage its members and customers to continue their education in technology. In keeping with the tradition and mission of the Cooperative's 60+ year history, we are pleased to offer the BEK Communications Technology Scholarship to University of Mary students.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Eligibility:

- Parents of the scholarship nominee are a BEK Cooperative member or BEK Fiber customer or the nominee is a BEK Cooperative member or BEK Fiber customer
- Nominee must be majoring in Mass Communication or Computer Information Systems or a similar degree

Key Dates:

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED from **FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1**
AWARD NOTIFICATION first Monday in May

Application Checklist:

- BEK Communications service confirmation
- Completed Application
- Essay on how technology has changed your life

APPLICATION PROCESS/REQUIREMENTS

BEK Communications Cooperative awards a technology scholarship to its BEK Fiber members or customers based upon their demonstrated levels of community service and proven academic, leadership and degree program success. The nominated students will be from BEK Communications service areas.

- All applicants must submit a completed BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarship Application (TSA).
- BEK Technology Scholarships: Scholarship applicants must be a U.S. citizen and receive BEK Fiber-based services at the time of the application. BEK Fiber services must be provided to the parents of the student applicant if the student is a dependent of the parents; or must receive BEK Fiber services as an individual if they are no longer a dependent of their parents as filed in the most recent federal tax filing.
- Scholarship applicants must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average or higher and must be full-time students (minimum of 12 college credits) majoring in Mass Communication or Computer Information Systems or a similar degree, with a strong affinity to:
 - a. Academics
 - b. Entrepreneurship
 - c. Degree program success

DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION

BEK Communications Cooperative TSA and all requisite academic transcripts and documentation are accepted for one month each academic year and are subject to firm deadlines established. Submitted applications will be reviewed for eligibility and awarded for the next academic year.

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This BEK Communications Technology Scholarship Application will be used to determine awards and will be administered by the University of Mary and BEK Communications. This application, any requisite academic confirmations and documentation must be received by the deadline above.

THIS APPLICATION IS VALID FOR ONE (1) ACADEMIC YEAR.

SELECTION PROCESS, CRITERIA, COMMITTEE

There are two steps in the BEK Communications Technology Scholarships selection process:

Step 1:

The University of Mary selection committee will accept no more than (5) fully qualified applications/nominations for the BEK Communications Technology Scholarship from students/faculty within the Departments of Communication and/or Computer Information Systems/Computer Science majors. The selection committee will conduct final interviews and two (2) applicants will be selected. The selection committee will report their recommendations to the BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors no later than April 1 each year.

Step 2:

BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors will review the candidates at the first monthly board meeting following the delivery of the University of Mary selection committee's recommendations, scoring and applications and provide final approval on or before May 1.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The University of Mary selection committee for the BEK Communications Technology Scholarship will consist of the Vice President for Public Affairs, a Communication and/or Gary Tharaldson School of Business faculty member, and the Scholarship Coordinator. The selection committee will conduct the final interviews, and ensure that all applicant guidelines were followed according to the BEK Communications Scholarship procedures.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Award Amount:	\$1,250 per recipient
Number of Awards:	2
Length of Award:	One academic year
Selection Made By:	University of Mary Selection Committee
Final Approval By:	BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors

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PRINT (in blue or black ink) or **TYPE** the following:

SSN: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

College Student I.D. (SID): _____
(If assigned; otherwise leave blank)

Maiden Name: _____

Phone: Home: () _____ **Work:** () _____

Mailing Address: _____
P.O. Box or Street Address/Apartment

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Demographic information may be required for state and federal reports.

Gender: Male **Race:** Alaskan Native Asian Hispanic White
 Female American Indian Black Pacific Islander

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL: (Official transcript must be on file in the Financial Aid Office)

High School: _____ **State:** _____ **Graduation Date:** _____
Mo./Yr.

Home School: All home educated students must provide official documentation of registration with the district for grades 11 and 12. The student must have either a minimum score of 520 computation and 521 verbal on the SAT; or a minimum score of 19 English, 20 Math, and 22 Reading on the ACT; or a minimum 104 Reading, 99 Writing and 123 Math on the PERT test.

GED: No Yes **GED State:** _____ **GED Date:** _____

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Mo./Yr.

COLLEGE: [Official transcript(s) must be on file in the Financial Aid Office.]

List all college(s), and date(s), previously attended. (NO ABBREVIATIONS)

Name of college

Dates attended

_____	_____
_____	_____

1. Were you the recipient of a BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarship or any other Scholarship during the previous academic year? If yes, identify the name of the scholarship.

No Yes _____

2. What degree/certificate are you pursuing? _____

3. What program of study (declared major) are you pursuing at college? _____

4. What are your enrollment plans while attending college:

Full-time (minimum 12 credits or 450 clock hours)

Part-time (minimum 6 credits or 225 clock hours)

5. Expected graduation date from college: _____ (Mo./Yr.)

6. List activities and leadership positions, academic or extracurricular honors or awards (high school, college, community service, volunteer) received.

Explain why **YOU** should be considered for a scholarship (attachments as needed).

7. Please attach an essay describing how technology has changed your life.

I hereby certify that I meet all minimum eligibility requirements and have submitted the required transcripts and required documentation. The information provided on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date