

John G. Walters Scholarship Application

Fifteen \$2,000 John G. Walters Scholarships will be issued to graduating high school seniors from our service area who plan to continue their education at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college/university or vocational-technical school.

eligibility

Each applicant must:

- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Be a United States citizen.
- Parents or guardians must be full-time residents in the Polar Communications and Subsidiaries service area and have a voice or Internet service account in good standing.
- Be accepted by an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- Have at least a C grade point average (GPA).

application instructions

- Type (preferred) or print all requested information. Complete the scholarship application in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.
- Prepare a 500-800 word essay on the question "What field or major do you intend to enter and how might it impact your rural community?"
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader or an educator.
- Include a copy of your transcript, including the most recent semester. Transcript does not have to be an official copy.
- Do not include any photographs with your application.
- Please fill out both sides of the application and mail with all attachments to:
Polar Communications
Attn: Amy Thompson
PO Box 270
Park River, ND 58270
- Alternatively, application and attachments may be emailed to: athompson@polartel.com
- Postmark or Email application to Polar no later than March 2, 2026.

terms & conditions

- Scholarships will be awarded on a one-time basis and will not be renewable.
- Awards will be paid upon proof of registration at an institute of higher education and will be issued at Polar's annual meeting in June.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.
- By submission of this application you certify all the information provided is complete and true to the best of your knowledge. You grant permission to Polar to contact your references and/or school if necessary, and to use your name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that you are selected to receive a scholarship award.
- Awardees will be posted on the Polar website.

checklist

Make sure your application is complete:

Submit your completed application along with all materials listed below.

- Completed Application Form
- Transcript (7 Semesters High School)
- 500-800 Word Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Postmark or Email to Polar no later than March 2, 2026

701.284.7221
athompson@polartel.com
www.polarcomm.com





This is a fillable form. Please download and save before completing.

application

Name *(first/middle/last)* _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone or Polar Acct. # _____ Cell Phone _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

High School _____ High School Phone Number _____

Grade Point Average *(please provide your unweighed GPA cumulative through your 7th semester of high school)* _____

College, University or Vocational/Technical School You Plan to Attend _____

College, University or Vocational/Training School Admissions Office Phone Number _____

Have You Been Accepted? Yes No

Anticipated Major or Area of Study _____

Submit essay as attachment: Essay should be approximately 500–800 words, typed (preferred) or printed. Answer the question, “What field or major do you intend to enter and how might it impact your rural community?”

Special Circumstances: Describe any additional information you feel the Selection Committee should consider in the selection process (i.e., family need or hardships overcome). Please provide this information in an attachment to this application, typed (preferred) or printed in blue or black ink. Do not answer this question if you feel that there are no special circumstances or important facts to relay.



work experience: list your work experience over the last four years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first.

Company	Position/Job Description	Employed From	Employed To	Average Hours Per Week

community & volunteer activities: list all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work).

Activity	Years (1, 2, 3, 4)	Average Hours Per Week	Comments