

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 2025 graduates must be completed and returned to the school principal by March 14, 2025.
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 may be announced at the respective graduation exercises attended by the winners and also will be published in the Golden West newsletter and our website.

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, option 3 • www.goldenwest.com • scholarships@goldenwest.com

Golden West awards a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the following:

<u>ARMOUR HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>FREEMAN HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>OLCSD VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>AVON HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>GREGORY HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>BENNETT CO. HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PINE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>BON HOMME HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>JONES CO. HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PLANKINTON HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>BURKE HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>KADOKA HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>RED CLOUD INDIAN SCHOOL</u>
<u>BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>LAKOTA TECH HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>SCOTLAND HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>CANISTOTA HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>LITTLE WOUND HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>ST FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>COLOME HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>LOWER BRULE HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>CORSICA HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>LYMAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>STANLEY CO. HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>CRAZY HORSE HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>MARION HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>TODD CO. HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>MEADE CO. BROWN HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>DELL RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>MENNO HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>WALL HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>EDGEMONT HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>WEST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>FAITH HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>NEW UNDERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>WHITE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL</u>
<u>FREEMAN ACADEMY</u>	<u>OELRICHS HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>WINNER HIGH SCHOOL</u>
		<u>AT LARGE SCHOLARSHIP</u>

Students who attend any of the schools listed on page 2 must apply directly through the school.

The applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) must reside in one of the following telephone service areas.

Ardmore, SD	(605) 459	Hot Springs, SD	(605) 745	Plankinton, SD	(605) 942
Armour, SD	(605) 724	Humboldt, SD	(605) 363	Quinn, SD	(605) 386
Avon, SD	(605) 286	Interior, SD	(605) 433	Reliance, SD	(605) 473
Belvidere, SD	(605) 344	Kadoka, SD	(605) 837	Rosebud, SD	(605) 747
Bonesteel, SD	(605) 654	Kyle, SD	(605) 455	Scotland, SD	(605) 583
Bridgewater, SD	(605) 729	Lesterville, SD	(605) 364	So. Ardmore, NE	(308) 453
Buffalo Gap, SD	(605) 833	Long Valley, SD	(605) 462	So. Bonesteel, NE	(402) 653
Burke, SD	(605) 775	Marion, SD	(605) 648	So. Burke, NE	(402) 774
Canistota, SD	(605) 296	Martin, SD	(605) 685	So. Gregory, NE	(402) 974
Clearfield, SD	(605) 557	Maurine, SD	(605) 748	So. Oelrichs, NE	(308) 525
Colton, SD	(605) 446	Menno, SD	(605) 387	Springfield, SD	(605) 369
Corsica, SD	(605) 946	Midland, SD	(605) 843	Vivian, SD	(605) 683
Creighton, SD	(605) 457	Milesville, SD	(605) 544	Wall, SD	(605) 279
Custer, SD	(605) 673	Mission, SD	(605) 856	Wasta, SD	(605) 993
Dell Rapids, SD	(605) 428	Montrose, SD	(605) 363	West Edgemont, WY	(307) 663
Edgemont, SD	(605) 662	Murdo, SD	(605) 669	White Clay, NE	(308) 862
Enning, SD	(605) 985	New Underwood, SD	(605) 754	White River, SD	(605) 259
Faith, SD (Rural)	(605) 739	Oelrichs, SD	(605) 535	Wicksville, SD	(605) 798
Freeman, SD	(605) 925	Oral, SD	(605) 424	Winner, SD	(605) 842
Gregory, SD	(605) 835	Philip, SD	(605) 859	Witten, SD	(605) 879
Hartford, SD	(605) 528 & 526	Pine Ridge, SD	(605) 867	Wood, SD	(605) 452
Hayes, SD	(605) 567				