

NORTHERN CO-OP FOUNDATION

COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COOPERATIVES:

Cooperatives are involved with many areas of American and worldwide commerce. Agriculture cooperatives are very prominent but many other cooperative entities exist. Rural electric associations, credit unions, mutual insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and cooperative housing are typical of the diversity of associations having a cooperative form of government.

Many individuals find job opportunities in Cooperatives. Farm supply and marketing cooperatives require individuals with expertise ranging from managerial to understanding of international trade of agricultural commodities. Production credit associations, federal land banks and the cooperative banking system need not only loan officers, but also individuals for various accounting and clerical positions. The above is not an exhaustive listing but gives only an example of various employment opportunities in the cooperative field. Cooperatives need individuals trained in many fields of study.

The Northern Co-op Foundation provides financial assistance and promotes education in the cooperative field both in the educational system and on the local level.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a member of a cooperative.
- A high school senior or graduate of a high school furthering your education.
- Taking a course this year that studies business, economics or the principles of Cooperatives.
- A student in the four state area of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota or South Dakota.
- Letter of reference: Three letters of reference are required, one from your local co-op, plus two others. These letters must reach the Scholarship Committee by Feb. 15. These letters are the responsibility of the applicant. No application will be considered without the three letters of reference.
- Application deadline: Feb. 15.

TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP:

- One year award.
- Payments will be made directly to the student.
- Student will furnish a scholastic record to the committee at the end of each quarter or semester, submitted to: Northern Co-op Foundation, PO Box 52, Wadena, MN 56482.
- Scholarship award is for \$1,000
- Applicants not selected one year may re-apply in subsequent years.
- Students must be enrolled and attending classes before payments will be forwarded to the student.
- Funded by: Northern Co-op Foundation, PO Box 52, Wadena, MN 56482.

SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO:

- Students from Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota or South Dakota who are seniors in or a graduate of high school, and who show potential for significant contribution to cooperative organizations.
- They must be enrolled full-time at an institution of higher education and will be taking a course in business or economics which studies the principles of cooperatives. If courses are not offered, applicant must submit a letter agreeing to take such a course at another college or university. This letter needs to be included at the time of application submission.

PART I. GENERAL

NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' NAMES: _____

PART II. HIGH SCHOOL

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____ FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECTS: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

PART III. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

(CHANGE OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY MAY REVOKE YOUR AWARD)

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PLANNED MAJOR: _____ CAREER GOAL: _____

STATE HOW YOU BELIEVE YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER GOAL RELATE TO COOPERATIVES:

LIST THE COURSES YOU HAVE TAKEN OR PLAN TO ENROLL IN THAT RELATE TO COOPERATIVES:

I will furnish my scholastic records to the Scholarship Committee for review and give permission for the committee to obtain and review my records from the above college or university at any time that the committee deems necessary and to obtain certification of my enrollment and courses enrolled.

In the event that I am awarded this scholarship, I agree to allow Northern Co-op Foundation to release the announcement of this to my local newspaper.

My local newspaper is: _____

Address: _____

DATE: _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DUE FEB. 15
Northern Co-op Foundation
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 52
Wadena, MN 56482