

INTRODUCTION

The Exploring Scholarship program offers one \$1,000 scholarship to an active Explorer in Northern Star Council. The recipient is selected from a pool of eligible high school seniors and above who are presently involved in Exploring and who submit this application.

The Scholarship winner is selected by a volunteer committee of community leaders, and selection is based upon the criteria noted below. The scholarship may be applied to tuition and books at the college, junior college, vocational college or trade school of the winner's choice. Application forms, along with all additional materials we request, must be completed in full and included for an applicant to be considered (incomplete applications will not be considered).

SELECTION CRITERIA

The youth who is chosen to receive the \$1,000 scholarship:

- Be a high school senior preparing to enter a college, junior college, or vocational school in the fall of 2018 or be currently enrolled in a college, junior college, or vocational school in the fall of 2018.
 - Currently registered in the Exploring program, Northern Star Council, with a minimum of one year participation in Exploring.
 - Have demonstrated an interest in career exploration through participating in the Exploring Program.
 - Had demonstrated leadership ability in Exploring and a strong record of participation in school or community activities.
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INSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

When filling out the application form, we recommend that you:

- Read the entire application form first.
- Type or print in black ink.

Before you fill out the application form, we recommend that you:

- Review the selection criteria and your eligibility with a parent or guardian.
- Discuss your interest in the scholarship with your Exploring post advisor and ask that he or she write a personal letter of recommendation. *This letter of recommendation must be included with your completed application form. We encourage you to include letters of recommendation from other sources.*
- Discuss the scholarship application with a guidance counselor. *You will need to include your high school transcript that covers six semesters. If you are college- or junior college-bound, you will also need to include SAT or ACT test scores.*
- Write a brief essay that responds to the following statement: The Exploring program has been important for me and this is why. *Your signature on this statement confirms that the essay is written in your own words.*

This is a dated application form. Completed applications **must be postmarked no later than February 21, 2018**. Send to: Northern Star Council Attn: Exploring Scholarship Committee, Attn: Brian Swerine, 393 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102.

This application is the property of the Northern Star Council Exploring Scholarship Committee. It will not be returned to the applicant. The recipient will be informed of the committee's decision in March 2018.



A Scholarship Opportunity

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON YOU

Your name: _____

Home address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian and daytime work phone: _____

If you are selected to receive the Exploring Scholarship, please remember:

- The check for your scholarship will be forwarded directly to the financial officer of the school of your choice. You will be asked to complete an “escrow release” form, which will then allow the financial officer to use those funds for your tuition.
- The recipient will be notified in March 2018.

Information on your involvement in Exploring:

Date you joined Exploring: _____

Post #: _____

Leadership positions you held in Exploring (list all officer positions first) _____

Description of your participation in your post (use additional sheets if necessary) _____

Your favorite Exploring activity or event (use additional sheets if necessary) _____

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, GRADES AND TEST SCORES

Name of your high school: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of your high-school principal: _____

Your current ranking in your class: My ranking is _____ in a class size of _____

Your SAT score and/or your ACT score: _____ percentile ranking: _____

**High School
Activities**

Activity _____ Dates involved _____

Explain _____

Activity _____ Dates involved _____

Explain _____

Activity _____ Dates involved _____

Explain _____

Community Activities

Activity _____ Dates involved _____

Explain _____

Activity _____ Dates involved _____

Explain _____

Your post high school education or training plans - Schools to which you are applying:
(please include school name, location and estimated cost per year)

Your career or job goals. *(note the job or career that interests you most):*

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

Do you expect to receive other financial aid grants?

If so, please list the names and amounts:

On your own, how much money have you saved to apply toward your further education:

List the jobs you have held in the past two years: *(List the most recent jobs first)*

Employer: _____ Months worked: _____ Amount earned: _____

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Stop! Before putting this application form in an envelope, be sure that you have included the following:

- **Your high school transcript showing six semesters.**
- **SAT or ACT scores (copies are acceptable)**
- **A letter of recommendation from your Exploring leader.**
- **Your personal letter responding to the question of why the Exploring program has been important for you. *Note: This letter must be signed by you.***

YOUR SIGNATURE

On my honor, as an Explorer, the information in this document and the accompanying materials is true

Signature of Exploring applicant Date

I have read the completed scholarship form. I agree that the information contained within is accurate and complete.

Signature of parent or guardian Date

Your application packet must postmarked no later than **February 21, 2018**. *Remember late entrants will not be eligible for consideration.*

If you have questions about the Scholarship program, your eligibility, the questions on the application form or the criteria, please call Brian Swerine, 612-236-7475..

Mail to:

Northern Council Exploring Scholarship Committee
Attn: Brian Swerine
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St. Paul, MN 55102-1795