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# NEWS

## **Minnesota Power to Offer Student Scholarships**

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DULUTH, Minn.—Minnesota Power is again promoting the importance of community involvement by offering scholarships for students graduating from high school. The prime criterion for selection will be the student's service in the community through volunteer activities. Minnesota Power began the program in 1998. To date, 200 students have received \$400,000 in scholarship aid.

There will be twenty-five (25) \$2,000 scholarships awarded to students residing in the Minnesota Power service territory. Students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or above. The \$2,000 scholarships may be used for public or private post-secondary education including colleges, universities, community and technical colleges. The scholarships are not renewable.

Application forms are available from high school guidance offices, from the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation, 324 W. Superior St, Suite 212, Duluth, Minn., 55802, or on-line at [www.mnpower.com/scholarship](http://www.mnpower.com/scholarship). The application deadline is January 13, 2006.

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