North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association
Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship Application

ELIGIBILITY
The scholarship will be awarded to an area high school or college student who receives water service, or whose parents have service with and pay their bill directly to, a member rural water system provider. Qualifying persons do not include those residents whose community receives rural water. The actual payment must be made to a rural water system directly.

Applicants must attend or plan to attend an accredited college, university, vocational school or other post secondary institution. Proof of enrollment will be required prior to issuance of funds. Applicants will be considered without regard to age, color, gender, race, creed, or country of origin.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must submit the following:
- Official application form
- Transcript of past two years of high school education and/or college education
- Paragraph summarizing career goals
- List of extracurricular activities (dating back to junior year in high school)
- A brief essay on how rural water has improved their quality of life

TIME SCHEDULE
Completed applications for the Patrick Denne Memorial Scholarship must be received no later than Jan. 31, 2011. The full amount of the scholarship will be paid upon submittal of proof of admittance in an accredited institution of higher learning.

SUPPORT PROVIDED
The scholarship will provide a one-time, $500 award to be used to defray the costs of tuition, books, room, and board at an accredited institution of higher learning approved by the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association.

SELECTION CRITERIA
A selection committee will evaluate the applicants and select the scholarship recipient based on academic performance, career goals, extracurricular activities, leadership, financial need, and an essay.

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PATRICK DENNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ______________________________________  Phone: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________  E-mail address: ______________________________

City: ________________________________  State: ______  Zip Code: ______________________

Major or course of study: ________________ Name of school you will attend: ________________

Name of rural water system _______________________________________________________________

Customer’s name ____________________________  Relationship to applicant ____________________

ACADEMIC RECORD
Attach a copy of applicant’s past two years of high school and/or college transcripts.

CAREER GOALS
Attach a brief paragraph summarizing your career goals.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Attach a list of extracurricular activities (dating back to junior year of high school) including academic, athletic, social, community service, etc. Include a list of current and/or past employment.

APPLICANT’S ESSAY
Write a brief essay (400-500 words) on how rural water has improved your quality of life and/or what your life would be like without it.

FINANCIAL NEED
Please describe any unusual circumstances or financial hardship that affects your need for financial assistance.

CERTIFICATION
I hereby verify that the statements and information disclosed in this application are true and accurate, and been provided in good faith. I intend to continue my education during this school year and promise to use all scholarship funds provided by the NDRWSA to defray the cost of my education.

Applicant’s Signature:_____________________________________________

Date:_________________________

Please submit a complete application including all required attachments by Jan. 31, 2011 to:

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