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New Prague Utilities/SMMPA College Scholarship Program Application

Deadline to apply: March 16th, 2026

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000

Name

Cole Rezac

Telephone

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Street Address

1240 Olivia St SE

City, State, Zip

New Prague, MN 56071

College & Area of Study
(if known)

North Dakota State Un, Computer or

Electrical
Engineer

Graduation Year

2026

Parents Name
(if 18 or under)

Kristen Rezac & Jeremy Rezac

Please list any academic achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteer activities, community involvement, or work experience that you would like to have considered as part of your application.

- 2 AP classes, AP Computer Science and AP calculus
- NPHS Concession stand volunteer
- Robotics, 2 years
- Senior Living garden in Lansdale, 2 times (Veseli Lions clean-up)
- 6 years of taekwondo, 2nd Dan

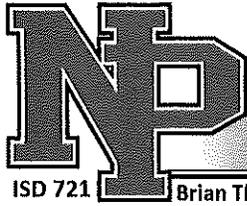
Please attach a 300-word essay on the importance of public service and how your continued education will benefit your community and society as a whole.

Walter Payton, a running back who was regarded as one of the best football players of all time, once said "We are stronger together than we are alone." It's easy to think that he was talking about his football team, but really he is talking to and about all of us. We are stronger together if we pitch in all of our hands to build up the community together, with public service. Without it in New Prague, there would be no police, fire department or clean bathrooms or streets.

But how can I contribute to serving the public? Well, not all public service is on the front lines. Since the 80s and 90s, most companies had data switched from physical papers to documents on a computer. Many companies had websites, mainframe computers, and even some people had websites of their own. Nowadays, almost everything is done with electronics, but this doesn't come without lots of work by many people. I am going to NDSU, majoring in Computer Engineering or Electrical Engineering. I've written code for 4 years now, and I want to expand my knowledge down to the electronic level. My purpose as an engineer is to help improve or create new circuitry for anything that runs on electricity. This will improve the tools which the world uses, from anything as simple as turn signals to police radio equipment or safer computer chips to avoid data breaches. With my job, I can help the world's electronics be faster, safer, and more efficient.

Wrapping up, public service is a very important concept in building our society and I will impact the community by helping improve the electronics and hardware which shape up the world around us. As the world of electronics and hardware grows, the need for more people to design and test new electronics will rise. I will help my community have a brighter future, and push to new heights.

Cole Rezac



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To the Scholarship Selection Committee,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Cole Rezac for your scholarship. I first met Cole two years ago when he was a student in my Algebra 2 class, and even then, his academic potential was strikingly evident. While he excelled in the standard curriculum, what truly set him apart was his genuine thirst for deeper knowledge. Cole frequently sought me out before and after school to discuss mathematical concepts that reached far beyond the scope of our Algebra 2 coursework. His ability to grasp complex, abstract ideas and apply them to his interest in computer coding demonstrates a high level of analytical thinking and technical aptitude. Seeing him continue his trajectory into AP Calculus this year comes as no surprise, as he possesses the intellectual rigor and discipline required for the most demanding academic environments.

Beyond his impressive cognitive abilities, Cole is a remarkably personable and engaging individual. In a high school setting, it is rare to find a student who can converse with such maturity and enthusiasm across a variety of topics. Our discussions were often the highlight of my day; his curiosity is infectious, and he carries himself with a kind of authentic charisma that draws others in. He is not just a student who completes assignments, but a thinker who seeks to understand the "why" behind the world around him. Cole's blend of intelligence, social grace, and passion for learning makes him a truly standout candidate, and I recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely,

Dean Dorner
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