



**New Prague Utilities/SMMPA
College Scholarship Program Application**

Deadline to apply: April 21st, 2025

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000

Name

Telephone

Street Address

City, State, Zip

New Prague, Minnesota, 56071

College & Area of Study
(if known)

Minnesota State University, Mankato, biology

Graduation Year

2025

Parents Name

(if 18 or under)

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.

- "A" honor roll throughout highschool career
- Tutor, part of Stars tutoring program
- Clinical Assistant at Dr. Vayda's Orthodontic Office
- Community service for our Church parishioners
- Kolacky Days Volunteer
- Babysitting within and out of community

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.

New Prague Utilities Essay

During high-school, I've had various opportunities inside and outside the community of New Prague that I've taken advantage of. It all started in the beginning of high-school when I was getting confirmed at St. Wenceslaus. In the process of getting confirmed, you need to volunteer and be part of the church. Helping people within the church has definitely encouraged me to keep serving others, even when I was done with confirmation.

So I continued to serve people by babysitting and dogs sitting within the community. I also started to venture out into other communities like Montgomery. Specifically, I helped out with Montgomery's Kolacky Days. I helped set up for the weekend celebration and volunteered at the car show, where I met the most generous people. My most recent service has been tutoring people at NPHS. I enjoy working with other students to teach them effective study skills and learning complex material. If I am not tutoring students after school, I am working at Dr. Vayda Orthodontist. This is where I learn the importance of working together and communication.

Furthermore, I am continuing my education at Minnesota State University, Mankato. This is where I will major in biology. In my future, I will be working somewhere in the healthcare field. Ever since I was young, I always knew I wanted to go into this field. In healthcare, you have so many opportunities to meet new people and make a difference within an individual's life.

So I will take everything I have learned from the New Prague community to put my best foot forward when stepping into my future. This proves the importance of community work. It helps to better shape people to who they are today. Community service can possibly teach people the importance of working with others and effectively overcome obstacles.

Official's Signature

November 20, 2024

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of recommendation for [redacted] I am Dr. Douglas Vayda, a practicing orthodontist. [redacted] has worked at my office for the past 3½ years. She has worked with myself, my associate, Dr. Zach Slama, and 10 staff members; consisting of the office manager, receptionist and dental assistants.

[redacted] is a clinical assistant for the office. Her responsibilities include organizing the clinical supplies, light cleaning, disinfecting dental operatories, aiding the staff and sterilizing the dental instruments for the clinic. She has worked after school throughout the academic year and full days during school breaks and the summer break.

Let me begin by saying that [redacted] is a terrific employee in every possible way and that it has been a pleasure to have her work at the office. I will try to summarize her positive attributes. She is always on time and arrives in a good mood with a positive attitude. I don't believe that she has missed a single day of work since she started. She is a quick learner and willing to take on any new task. [redacted] has an attention to detail and follows through with her assignments. She is a self starter and hard worker.

In conclusion, [redacted] has all of the personal attributes needed to accomplish her goals in life. I am confident that she will be successful in whatever field that she chooses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Doug Vayda' in a cursive, flowing script.

Douglas Vayda, DDS., DMSc.

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