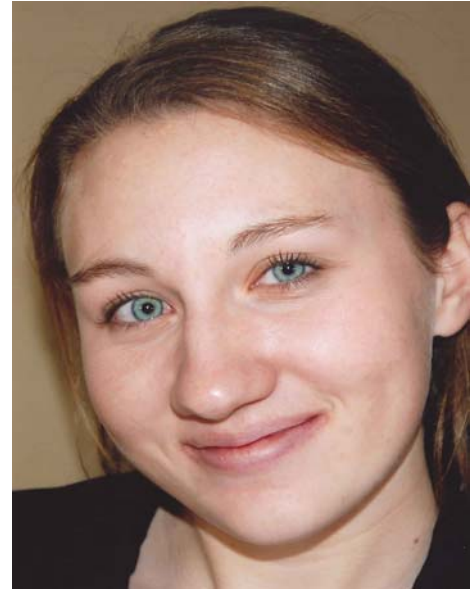




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**Rachel Helmke Awarded Scholarship
from the National Rural Water Association!**

National Rural Water Association (NRWA) is pleased to announce that Rachel Helmke of Tecumseh, Kansas has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic school year. This scholarship is awarded to children or stepchildren of NRWA or its Affiliated State Rural Water Association employees and is presented to help students to defray the cost of tuition, books, and/or room and board at an accredited institution of higher learning.



Scholarship recipients go through a rigorous process where their applications and essays are reviewed, then judged by a committee of members from the NRWA National Board of Directors. Recipients are selected on academic record, awards, honors, career goals, school activities and financial need as well as their commitment and quality of leadership responsibilities within their communities. Only 20 scholarships are awarded each year nationwide.

NRWA is committed to the education and future of our employees and their families and is proud of the hundreds of students who have benefited from the NRWA scholarship program. NRWA is the nation's largest utility organization, representing over 26,292 community water systems through our State Rural Water Association affiliates.

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