

REASONS TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF RCA YOUTH ACTIVITIES THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP

My friend, Carole Perry, recently returned from the annual international amateur radio convention in Dayton, Ohio. I met Carole two years ago, and since knowing her I have developed an interest in HAM radio technology and specifically, the youth activities division. Prior to Carole's departure for the convention I asked her if she knew of a youngster who may need some financial assistance in getting to the conference. She said "no" she was not aware of anyone but upon her return asked me *WHY* I offered.

WHY NOT... what a wonderful opportunity to support a youngster in pursuit of a worthwhile path of learning...one that encourages imagination, research, development and friendship with a potential usefulness for all society. Supporting the Youth Activities Division, through scholarships, could provide a meaningful boost of support for someone who, for lack of sufficient family funds, might miss out on the opportunity to attend the conference. And from a selfish perspective, in the event of a natural disaster and if our internet, satellites, and other technologies fail, it's good to know HAMS "have our backs."

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