



December 30, 2024

Dear Counselor,

As CEO of East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, I am pleased to announce the continuation of our Scholarship Program for eligible high school seniors. The Appalachian Wireless Scholarship Program was created to help ease the financial burden of higher education for our customers and their families. As such, eligibility is limited to students who are either Appalachian Wireless customers themselves or whose parent or guardian has been a customer for at least the past 12 months.

This year, the Scholarship Program will award a total of \$10,000 to graduating seniors residing in and attending high school within the counties in our home service area. These counties include:

Kentucky: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Magoffin, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Powell, Owsley, Whitley, and Wolfe.

Virginia: Buchanan and Dickenson.

Eight seniors will each receive a one-time scholarship of \$1,000, and the highest overall scoring recipient will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. These funds can be applied toward education-related expenses, such as tuition, books, housing, or meal plans.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- **Financial Need**
- **Academic Performance**
- **School and Community Involvement**
- **Personal Essays**
- **Letters of Recommendation**

Enclosed, you will find an application form that may be reproduced and distributed to eligible graduating seniors who plan to pursue higher education. Additionally, the application can be downloaded from our website at www.appalachianwireless.com.

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **March 7, 2025**.

An independent panel will review all submitted materials, and we will notify your school if one of your students is selected as a scholarship recipient. Please note that this announcement must remain confidential until your school's awards ceremony, where a representative from Appalachian Wireless will present the scholarship.

We greatly value the dedication of educators across our region and hope these scholarships will help students achieve their academic and life goals.

If you have any questions about the Scholarship Program, please contact Rachel Reed, Marketing Associate, at **800-438-2355, extension 1147**.

Sincerely,

Mike Johnson
CEO, Appalachian Wireless



2024 Appalachian Wireless Scholarship Information

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must live and attend high school within the Appalachian Wireless 27 county home coverage area. (Bell, Breathitt, Buchanan, Clay, Dickenson, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Magoffin, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Powell, Owsley, Whitley, and Wolfe).
2. Applicant's parents or legal guardian must be a current Appalachian Wireless customer who has received service for a minimum of 12 months, and is in good payment standing.
3. Applicant must be a senior graduating from high school in the Spring of 2025 and must enroll full-time in a post-secondary institution or higher education (two or four-year college/ university, business school, or vocational-technical school/institute) as a beginning freshman in the Fall of 2025.
4. Applicant cannot be an employee or an immediate family member of individuals who are employed with Appalachian Wireless, Inc., or East Kentucky Network, LLC, or affiliates, or Appalachian Wireless Authorized Dealer.
5. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA(4.0 scale) at the time of application.

Selection Criteria

- Financial Need — 45%
- Academic Achievement — 25%
- School/Community Involvement — 20%
- Personal Essay/Letters of Recommendation — 10%

**There will be no discrimination based upon sex, age, race, national origin, religion, or special needs and all information provided will be kept strictly confidential.*

Selection Process

1. A scholarship committee will review each application. The committee will select **NINE** students to receive a (8) \$1,000 scholarships and (1)\$2,000 and their decision is final. All applications become the right of Appalachian Wireless and will not be returned.
2. Your guidance counselor will be notified in May if there is a winner from your school. All winners will be contacted by Appalachian Wireless and will receive recognition at their awards ceremony.

Scholarship Payment

1. All scholarship funds will be made payable to the institution of choice upon official notification of enrollment from the registrar.
2. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, housing, books or other college related fees.

Guidelines

1. Complete the attached **3-page** application in its entirety and mail to:
**Appalachian Wireless,
c/o Marketing Associate; Rachel Reed
101 Technology Trail, Ivel, KY 41642.**
2. All completed applications must be postmarked and mailed no later than **March 7,2025**.
3. The following items **MUST** be included with the application to consider it complete:
 1. High school transcript — must be an official document and should include recent report on senior year as well as GPA and ACT or SAT scores (if taken).
 2. Three letters of recommendation: **two from a school official/teacher and one from a member of the community or a non-relative who knows you knows you well.** Letters should describe your school/community involvement, personal characteristics, and/or other factors supporting your candidacy. All letters must be typed.
 3. One 8½ x 11” page typed essay entitled, “Receiving the Appalachian Wireless scholarship and the role it plays in helping me achieve my goals.”

**For faster processing please do not staple paperwork.*

***Judging is done anonymously, please do not include pictures in submissions.*



2024 Appalachian Wireless Scholarship Application

(Please type or print legibly in black ink.)

Part I: Background Information

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
STREET ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
HOME TELEPHONE NO.	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	SEX
FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	
LIST ALL APPALACHIAN WIRELESS CELL NUMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD		

Part II: School Information

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL		COUNTY	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE NO.
NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND			
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE NO.
INTENDED MAJOR		INTENDED MINOR	

Part III: Financial Need

FATHER'S EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION
MOTHER'S EMPLOYER	OCCUPATION
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR FAMILY'S ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME FROM LAST YEAR'S TAX RETURN	
PLEASE LIST ANY FINANCIAL AID OR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT YOU'VE BEEN AWARDED AND AMOUNTS	
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING AT HOME	
NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS IN YOUR FAMILY INCLUDING YOURSELF	AGES
DO YOU HAVE ANY BROTHERS/SISTERS ATTENDING COLLEGE? IF SO, HOW MANY AND WHERE DO THEY ATTEND?	
IF EMPLOYED, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME OF YOUR EMPLOYER	

III: FINANCIAL NEED CONTINUED ON PAGE 3...

Part III: Financial Need (Continued)

HOW MANY HOURS DO YOU WORK PERWEEK?	DO YOU PLAN TO WORK WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE?
LIST ANY OTHER FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE NOTED	

Part IV: School/Community Involvement

Please list your most outstanding school activities (i.e. clubs, athletic teams, etc.) **in order of importance** to you. You may attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Activities	List Year(s) of Membership (9, 10, 11, 12)	Leadership Position (Indicate offices held and year)

Please list any awards/honors you have received during high school:

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Please list your most outstanding community activities (i.e. church groups, social groups, volunteer organizations, etc.) **in order of importance** to you. You may attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Activities	Years of Involvement	Leadership Position (Indicate offices held and year)

Part V: Academic Information – Your guidance counselor must verify the following information.

GPA (ADJUST TO A 4-POINT SCALE)					
CURRENT GPA	(LAST SEMESTER)			OVERALL HIGH SCHOOL GPA	
ACT SCORES	English:	Math:	Reading:	Science:	Composite:
SAT SCORES	Verbal:	Math:	Total:		
NUMBER IN GRADUATING CLASS				CLASS RANK	
NUMBER OF HONOR CLASSES TAKEN AND/OR IN PROGRESS				NUMBER OF A.P. CLASSES TAKEN AND/OR IN PROGRESS	

Part V: Academic Information (Continued)

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DIPLOMA YOU WILL RECEIVE

Kentucky Commonwealth Diploma
requiring honors classes
Diploma requiring no honors classes Only
diploma offered

I have verified the above information and acknowledge that this student is in good standing with the educational institution.

SIGNATURE OF GUIDANCE COUNSELOR	DATE
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Part VI: Student Acknowledgement

By signing below, I understand and agree to abide by the requirements/terms described in the scholarship package and verify that all information I have provided is accurate. This signature gives permission for the Scholarship Committee to release my transcript for the purpose of determining my scholarship eligibility.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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FOR APPALACHIAN WIRELESS USE ONLY

Applicant _____	Application Complete	
Number _____		RSA _____
Date _____		_____
Received _____		_____