

Valley Telephone Cooperative Foundation Scholarship Fund

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Informational Sheet

Each year the **Valley Telephone Cooperative Foundation** awards scholarships from capital credits that Valley Telephone Cooperative members have not claimed or have donated to the Foundation. **Copper Valley Telephone** reserves money during the budget process each year to award scholarships. The scholarship funds are completely separate, and scholarships are awarded based upon the serving area the qualifying customer has service in, along with the selection criteria shown below. To simplify the process, there is one application for both scholarship funds. The Scholarship Administrator will determine which scholarship you are applying for based upon the serving area of the qualifying customer.

- *Valley Telephone Cooperative serving areas:* **AZ** – Bonita, Bowie, Pearce/Sunsites, Portal, San Simon, and Sunizona.
NM – Animas, Columbus, Playas, and Rodeo.
- *Copper Valley Telephone serving areas:* **AZ** – Clifton/Morenci, Duncan, Elfrida, and York Valley. **NM** – Virden.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a customer of Valley Telephone Cooperative or Copper Valley Telephone, or be a child or legal dependent of a customer of Valley Telephone Cooperative or Copper Valley Telephone. The customer associated with the application must reside in the service area of Valley Telephone Cooperative or Copper Valley Telephone and have maintained active and continuous telecommunications services for at least twelve (12) months prior to the application deadline. The customer account associated with the scholarship must remain active (accounts on vacation status do not qualify) and in good standing during the application process and throughout the scholarship period.
2. Applicant must be in the graduating class of, or have graduated from, an accredited public, parochial, home-school, private high school, or must have obtained a G.E.D. Applicant must have plans to enter, or presently be enrolled in, a college, university, trade, technical or business school for the next year.
3. Applicant must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and be a full-time student. Undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. Graduate students must be considered full-time under the requirements of the institution and/or program in which the student is enrolled.
4. Applicant must complete the scholarship application in its **entirety** and return by the date specified on the application. Faxed copies will **NOT** be accepted.
5. Applicant must submit either a transcript or counselor certification showing their grade point average.
6. Scholarship monies must be utilized in two consecutive semesters during the year awarded (monies will not be deferred).
7. Scholarship recipients from a previous year are eligible to re-apply and will be considered along with other applicants. There is a five-year maximum for any student to receive a scholarship for undergraduate studies and a three-year maximum for graduate studies.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selections for the Scholarship Awards each year will be based on the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement – GPA in high school and/or continuing college grades.
2. Scholastic honors, high school and/or college activities.
3. Community and volunteer activities.
4. Typed essay, as described below (to be attached with application).
5. Financial need, as indicated in letters of recommendation and applicant's essay.
6. Application completeness and legibility.

PROCEDURES

Submit the completed Scholarship Application to:

Wendy Hooper
Valley TeleCom Group
PO Box 970
Willcox, AZ 85644
Phone: 520-384-8931

No fax or e-mail applications accepted. No late applications accepted.

The following documents must be received by Friday, MARCH 8th.

1. Completed and signed Scholarship Application.
2. A copy of the applicant's current transcript with cumulative grade point average or equivalent college or trade school transcript.
3. A personal recommendation of the applicant by the principal and/or teacher of the school from which the applicant has attended.
4. Two letters of recommendation from an official, civic, or religious leader of the community in which the applicant resides, or an employer.
5. A one-page typed essay (300 words or less) describing why this scholarship is important to the applicant, why the applicant needs the scholarship, and the applicant's future goals.
6. Please submit ALL documents at one time when submitting application.