



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

For the 2021 – 2022 Academic Year

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- You or your dependent may qualify if you are a current Valley Customer that has either or both our telephone or Internet service for at least one year.
- Applicant must be in the graduation class of, or have graduated from, an accredited public, parochial, home-school, private high school, or have obtained a G.E.D. with plans to enter or be presently enrolled in a college, university, trade, technical or business school for the coming year.
- Applicant must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 and be a full-time student (12 credit hours per semester for undergraduate / graduate student requirements applicable per the enrolled institution).
- Applicant must complete the **scholarship application in its entirety** and **the application must be postmarked by Friday, February 26th, 2021.**
- Scholarship recipients from a previous year are eligible to reapply and will be considered along with other applicants. Undergraduates may receive a scholarship for up to five (5) years and graduate students may receive a scholarship for up to three (3) years.

Application Forms and Eligibility Requirements can be viewed at your high school counselor's office, downloaded from our website at www.vtc.net, or you may contact Wendy Hooper, the Scholarship Administrator at: 1-800-421-5711 or 520-384-8931 to request an Application Packet.





Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in a Valley Telecom Group scholarship for the 2021-22 school year. Please closely review the enclosed informational sheet for eligibility requirements, the selection criteria used when evaluating scholarship applications, and procedures (documents required).

While many students compete for these scholarships each year, it may help you to know something about our selection process. A five-member panel reviews all applications and scores them on a numerical basis. The Board of Directors makes the final selections from those scored. If a person is selected, a photograph will be used for publicity purposes.

As it says under the selection criteria, there are five areas considered for grading students' applications: Academic Achievement, Scholastic Honors, Community and Volunteer Activities, the Essay, and The Application. Completeness, legibility and answers that show academic achievement, character, and future promise will help the panel determine your scores. Leaving any answers blank or incomplete will detract from your overall score, so do try to be honest and informative.

Packets of scholarship materials may be viewed at your high school counselor's office or may be downloaded at www.vtc.net. For your convenience, the forms on the website are fillable and can be printed after filling in all applicable information.

All materials must be postmarked no later than February 26th, 2021.

For more information, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-421-5711 or 520-384-8931.

Sincerely,

Wendy Hooper
Scholarship Administrator

Valley TeleCom Group Scholarship

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. Scholarships are awarded based upon the selection criteria shown below.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be a Valley TeleCom Group customer or a child or legal dependent of the Valley TeleCom Group customer. The customer associated with the application must reside in a Valley TeleCom Group service area 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 application must be **postmarked by Friday, February 26th. 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. 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 postmarked by Friday, February 26th.

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 and the applicant's future goals.
6. 4" x 6" or 5" x 7" color photograph. Must be on photo paper (not on copier paper).
7. **Please submit ALL documents at one time when submitting application.**



Last Name:	First:	MI:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home Phone #:	Cellular Phone #:	
Email Address:		

of (Valley TeleCom Group Customer Name): <i>Must be as it appears on the customer's bill</i>		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Valley TeleCom Group Account Number from bill:		
Have you been a recipient of this scholarship in the past?		If yes, when?

I am presently attending: (high school/college/trade school)	Cumulative Grade Point Average (unweighted):
College, University or Vocational/Trade School I am applying to or continuing in:	
Contemplated Field of Study:	

School Activities: List all school activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e. athletics, student government, clubs, arts, music, publications, etc.). Indicate if the activity was during high school, college or both. Attach additional page if necessary.

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Awards and Honors: List all awards and honors received in the last four years (including academic awards or honors). Attach additional page if necessary.

Years	Award or Honor (i.e., Eagle Scout, National Merit Scholar)	Comments (Describe the Honor – Why Given)

Community and Volunteer Activities: List all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e. volunteer efforts, church work). Indicate if the activity was during high school, college or both. Attach additional page if necessary.

High School	College	Activity	Years (1,2,3,4)	Comments
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Make Sure Your Application Is Complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholastic Transcript
Color Photograph 4"x6" or 5"x7" (not on copy paper) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation from a current school official, teacher or professor

<input type="checkbox"/> Two recommendations from non-educator (i.e. official, civic, religious leader, or employer) | <input type="checkbox"/> A One-Page Typed Essay, as described in the Procedures

<input type="checkbox"/> Must be postmarked NO LATER than February 26th, 2021. |
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Applicant Certification: I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to Valley TeleCom Group to contact my references and/or school if necessary, and in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship award, I agree to grant permission to use my name and likeness in materials.

Signature of Applicant:	
Signature of Valley TeleCom Group customer:	
Date:	



Valley TeleCom Group Educator's Recommendation Form

*This information may be written on a separate sheet, or in the form of a letter.
Please answer all questions, sign and date the form or letter.*

Name of Applicant:

School:

Telephone #:

School Address:

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please state why you feel this applicant is qualified to receive this scholarship.

Printed name of person
completing this form:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

*Please return form **to applicant** for inclusion in application packet.*

Complete packet must be postmarked by Friday, February 26th.