



December 12, 2023

Dear Counselor:

As CEO of East Kentucky Network, LLC, d/b/a Appalachian Wireless, I am delighted to announce that we will again offer a scholarship program to eligible high school seniors. Our parent company, East Kentucky Network, established the Appalachian Wireless Scholarship program to help ease the burden on our customers for the costs associated with higher education for their children. Therefore, only students who are customers or whose parent or guardian has been a customer of Appalachian Wireless for at least the past 12 months will be eligible to apply.

The Scholarship Program will provide \$9,000 to graduating seniors who live and attend high school within the counties of our home service area. The counties are as follows: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Letcher, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Magoffin, Morgan, Perry, Pike, Powell, Owsley, Whitley, and Wolfe counties in Kentucky, along with Buchanan and Dickenson counties in Virginia. Nine high school seniors will receive a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 for higher education costs such as tuition, books, housing, or meal charges. The Scholarship will be awarded based on financial need, academic performance, school and community involvement, personal essays, and letters of recommendation.

Enclosed, please find an application that you may reproduce and distribute to the eligible graduating seniors in your school who will pursue higher education following graduation. You may also download a copy of the application from our website: www.appalachianwireless.com. A completed application must be postmarked by March 6, 2024.

An independent panel will review the application materials and notify you if your school's student is selected. Please keep the announcement confidential until your awards ceremony, when a representative from Appalachian Wireless will make a special presentation.

We truly appreciate the efforts of the educators in our region and trust these scholarships will be used to help students work toward achieving their life goals.

Don't hesitate to contact our marketing manager, Kristin Mulcahy, at 800-438-2355 ext. 1148 if you have any questions regarding this Scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson".

Mike Johnson
CEO



2023-2024 Appalachian Wireless Scholarship Information

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must live and attend high school within the Appalachian Wireless 28 county home coverage area. (Bell, Breathitt, Buchanan, Clay, Dickenson, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Letcher, 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 2024 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 2024.
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 \$1,000 scholarship 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 Manager-Kristin Mulcahy
101 Technology Trail, Ivel, KY 41642.***
2. All completed applications must be postmarked and mailed no later than **March 6, 2024**.
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, *"The reasons why I should receive this 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.*



2023-2024 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 DEPENDENT'S 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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Applicant _____	Application Complete
Number _____	RSA _____
Date _____	_____
Received _____	_____