

Valley TeleCom Group Scholarship

Academic 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 or university 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**. The application and other required documents must be **submitted electronically by Friday, February 27th 2026. Mailed and/or Faxed copies will NOT be accepted.**
5. Applicant must submit either an unofficial 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.
5. Application completeness and legibility.

PROCEDURES

Submit the completed Scholarship Application electronically at www.vtc.net

For questions contact:
Ana Nieto Scholarship
Administrator

Phone: 520-384-9000

No fax or mailed applications accepted. No late applications accepted.

The following documents must be submitted electronically by February 27th, 2026

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 current 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. Color Photo.
7. **Please submit ALL documents at one time when submitting application.**