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**College  
Scholarship  
Program  
2025**

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

## **\$1,250.00 Available to High School Seniors**

USA Communications of Shellsburg supports the continuing education of the high school seniors whose parents are a member of Farmers Mutual Telephone Cooperative of Shellsburg and have their service in the Shellsburg, Benton Township, Urbana or Alburnett exchange.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- 1) Be a graduating high school senior;
- 2) Receive his/her service from USA Communications in the following communities/prefixes **Shellsburg - 436, Benton Township - 453, Urbana - 443 or Alburnett - 842**; and,
- 3) Successfully complete the first semester in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, or vocational- technical school.

USA Communication scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above-average range.

### How to Apply

- 1) Complete the scholarship application in full.
- 2) Prepare a typed 300-word essay that addresses the following:
  - a) explain why the services provided by USA Communications are important to you and/or members of your family; and,
  - b) tell us where you plan to work and how you plan to give back to your community once you start your career.
- 3) Have a high school teacher or counselor complete the attached Educator's Recommendation form.
- 4) Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader, elected official or local business representative.
- 5) Include your most recent grade transcript (all semesters must be included.)
- 6) If available, include test scores and/or class rank with the transcript.

## Award Procedure

- Applications will be reviewed and approved by the Farmers Mutual Telephone Cooperative Board of Directors.
- Winners will be notified by mail in April 2025.
- Scholarship award certificates in the amount of \$1,250.00/per student will be presented to the winners in May 2025 at each schools Senior Awards Ceremony.
- Scholarships will be awarded on a one- time basis and will not be renewable.
- Award will be paid upon proof of second-semester registration at an institute of higher education, and will be issued in January 2026. Award payment will be sent to the institutes Financial Aid Office.
- Scholarship will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex or disability.
- Incomplete applications or non-typed essays will not be considered.

### Make sure to:

- Include a completed application form
- Include a transcript (all semesters) and any test scores and/or class ranking.
- Include a 300-word essay.
- Include an Educator's Recommendation.
- Include a letter of recommendation from a local community leader, elected official or local business representative.
- Collect all documents and mail in one envelope addressed to:

USA Communications  
124 Main St  
PO Box 389  
Shellsburg IA 52332

OR email to: [celdred@usacomm.coop](mailto:celdred@usacomm.coop)

MUST be received or postmarked by April 1, 2025 for Award consideration

**USA COMMUNICATIONS  
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Instructions

- 1) Please type;
- 2) Include all requested attachments; and
- 3) Postmarked or emailed to USA Communications by **April 1, 2025**

Please fill out all sides of this Application and mail with attachments to:

**USA Communications  
PO Box 389  
Shellsburg, IA 52332**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

University or College You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Address of University or College \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Been Accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ If No, When Will You Know? \_\_\_\_\_

High School Honors / Awards \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities in Which You Have Been Involved \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary of Your Career Plans \_\_\_\_\_

*USA COMMUNICATIONS  
EDUCATORS RECOMMENDATION FORM*

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How Long and In What Capacity Have You Known the Applicant?

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Please State Why You Feel This Applicant is Qualified to Receive This Scholarship.

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Name of person completing form \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form to USA Communications, PO Box 389, Shellsburg, IA 52332  
OR email to celdred@usacomm.coop - MUST be received by April 1, 2025**

## Checklist

- Application form
- Transcript
- 300-word essay
- Educator’s Recommendation Form
- One letter of recommendation
- Postmark to USA Communications by April 1, 2025

Identify the activities in which you have been involved by circling the number of years you have participated in each.

Band.....	1	2	3	4
Baseball.....	1	2	3	4
Basketball.....	1	2	3	4
Cheerleading.....	1	2	3	4
Choir.....	1	2	3	4
Cross Country.....	1	2	3	4
Debate.....	1	2	3	4
Drill Team.....	1	2	3	4
FBLA.....	1	2	3	4
FFA.....	1	2	3	4
FHA.....	1	2	3	4
Football.....	1	2	3	4
Foreign Language.....	1	2	3	4
Golf.....	1	2	3	4
Newspaper.....	1	2	3	4
NHS.....	1	2	3	4
Soccer.....	1	2	3	4
Softball.....	1	2	3	4
Speech.....	1	2	3	4
Student Government.....	1	2	3	4
Tennis.....	1	2	3	4
Theater.....	1	2	3	4
Track.....	1	2	3	4
Volleyball.....	1	2	3	4
Wrestling.....	1	2	3	4
Yearbook.....	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4
Other: _____	1	2	3	4

### Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.  
 I hereby grant USA Communications to contact my references or school, if necessary.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to complete all pages of the application