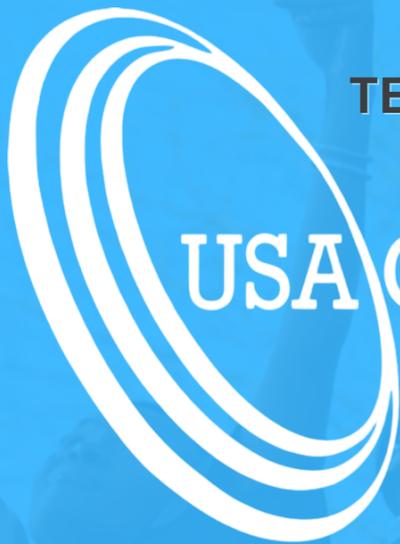


SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



2026 - 2027

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APPLY BEFORE APRIL 1ST

\$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.
 - a. **Please include a current photo of yourself which may be used for promotional purposes if you are selected as an award recipient**
- 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 2026.
- Scholarship certificates in the amount of \$1,250.00/per student will be presented to the winners in May 2026 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 2027. Award payment will be sent to the institute's 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 complete 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: cgrimm@usacomm.coop

MUST be received or postmarked by April 1, 2026, 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, 2026**

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 _____

Checklist

- Y Application form
- Y Transcript
- Y 300-word essay
- Y Educator’s Recommendation Form
- Y One letter of recommendation
- Y Postmark to USA Communications by April 1, 2026

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