SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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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) Parents are a member of the coop and 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.

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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 2027.

- Scholarship certificates in the amount of $1,250.00/per student will be presented to the winners in May 2027 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 2028. 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, 2027, for Award consideration

USA COMMNICATIONS

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Instructions

1) Please type;
2) Include all requested attachments; and
3) Postmarked or emailed to USA Communications by **April 1, 2027**

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_____

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 cgrimm@usacomm.coop - MUST be received by April 1, 2027

Checklist

- Application form
- Transcript
- 300-word essay
- Educator's Recommendation Form
- One letter of recommendation
- Postmark to USA Communications by April 1, 2027

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