



2017 BVTC Scholarship Program

Blue Valley Tele-Communications has provided communication services to rural northeast Kansas since 1956; striving to provide quality service and community leadership to its service areas. To demonstrate its commitment to education and youth, BVTC has revamped its scholarship program - now offering over \$16,000 to local graduating seniors!

IMPORTANT:

All applications must be postmarked no later than **March 17, 2017. Applications may be personally delivered to the main office or left in the night drop box, but must be left before **8:00 a.m., March 20, 2017**. No exceptions will be made.**

BVTC DISTINGUISHED ILEC SCHOLARSHIP

BVTC will provide one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to a student of parents and/or legal guardians currently subscribed to BVTC phone service in one of the following twelve ILEC exchanges: Axtell, Beattie, Centralia, Home, Linn, Oketo, Onaga, Palmer, Summerfield, Vermillion, Westmoreland, or Wheaton. Students will receive \$1,250 at the start of the first semester, and \$1,250 at the start of the second semester.

\$750 BVTC-ILEC SCHOLARSHIP

BVTC will provide 12 scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to students of parents and/or legal guardians currently subscribed to BVTC phone service in one of the following twelve exchanges: Axtell, Beattie, Centralia, Home, Linn, Oketo, Onaga, Palmer, Summerfield, Vermillion, Westmoreland, and Wheaton. Each of the 12 exchanges will be represented with one scholarship winner unless no application is received from that area. This scholarship will be dispersed in full at the start of the first semester.

\$750 BVTC-CLEC SCHOLARSHIP

BVTC will provide one (1) scholarship in the amount of \$750 to a student of parents and/or legal guardians currently subscribed to a BVTC service in the following areas: Blue Rapids, Bremen, Frankfort, Hanover, Marysville, Waterville, or Washington. This scholarship will be dispersed in full at the start of the first semester.

\$750 AT-LARGE SCHOLARSHIP

BVTC will provide five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to students of parents and/or legal guardians subscribed to any BVTC service living in any of the above mentioned service areas. All scholarship applications not selected for the above awards will be compiled into this category. This scholarship will be dispersed in full at the start of the first semester.

\$500 TELEPHONY SCHOLARSHIP

BVTC will provide a one-time \$500 scholarship to students of parents and/or legal guardians currently subscribed to any BVTC service who will be attending a Kansas technical school in Goodland or Beloit to study telephony-based courses. This is designed to attract personnel to the profession and will be dispersed in full at the start of the first semester.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR BVTC SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Parents and/or legal guardian must be subscribed to a BVTC service
- Student's permanent address MUST be inside the BVTC service area
- Student must have an overall passing grade in ALL courses
- Children/grandchildren of employees or directors are not eligible for scholarships

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS

Student must attach the following to their applications: **Any scholarship application not completed in its entirety, with all required attachments will be disqualified.**

- One official high school transcript (a copy is acceptable)
- Two letters of recommendation - One from a teacher, coach, or sponsor at the student's high school and one from someone inside the community such as a neighbor, employer, clergy, etc. This person should *NOT* be employed by the student's school. ***Student should not be related to anyone writing a letter of recommendation.***
 - ***If a student is home-schooled – please collect a letter from a leader of a volunteer, educational, or athletic organization you belong to (4H, Youth Group, etc.) and one from a community member not associated with said organization.***
- A personal essay of the student - not to exceed two pages. Essay should be double spaced and typed using a 12 point font. Essay should include the student's background information, accomplishments, future plans, and how this scholarship will help them achieve their goals. This is the student's opportunity to highlight what makes them stand out and share with the panel why they should be selected for the scholarship over the other applicants.
- The .pdf version of this application is not writable. A word document may be requested by emailing jackerman@bluevalleyinc.net. Handwritten applications are welcome.
- Applications should be mailed or delivered to:

BVTC - Scholarships
Attn: Jada Ackerman
1559 Pony Express Hwy
Home KS 66438

All students are encouraged to apply. Blue Valley appreciates cooperation of each scholarship winner for press releases and publication purposes. Selection of scholarship recipients will be made prior to May 1 of each year. Scholarship winners will be required to submit enrollment verification prior to the release of scholarship funds. Scholarships are mailed directly to the student. Questions can be directed to Jada Ackerman at 877-876-1228 or emailed to jackerman@bluevalleyinc.net. Applicant or parent contact information provided below may be used to contact student for additional information or clarification purposes.

2017 BVTC Scholarship Cover Sheet
(Please print or type using blue or black ink only)

Student's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Planned College, University, or Vocational Institute to Attend: _____

Planned Major: _____

Parents' or Guardians' Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Telephone (Parent's Number) (required): _____

Student's Cell Number (optional*): _____

**Questions and other correspondence regarding this application may be texted to this number.*

Please submit (DO NOT STAPLE):

- This cover sheet
- Scholarship application
- One official transcript
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (one from a teacher at your high school and one from a community member other than a relative or school employee)
- Minimum 1 page - maximum 2 page personal essay stating your background information, accomplishments, education/future plans, and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. ***Double space using a 12 point font***
- Scholarship application must be postmarked by **March 17, 2017** or hand delivered prior to **8 a.m. March 20, 2017**.

Any scholarship application not entirely completed will be disqualified.

2017 BVTC Scholarship Application

Student's Name: _____

GPA: _____ **ACT Score:** _____ **Class Rank:** _____ out of _____

School extra-curricular activities & number of years in each: _____

Community activities/volunteerism & number of years: _____

Offices or special responsibilities held: _____

Honors & Awards: _____

Student's Name: _____

Est. gross annual household income (*before taxes*):

\$ _____

of people living inside your home (*including yourself*):

of family members currently enrolled in college (*not including you*):

Please list any special financial circumstances in the space below with a detailed description. (Ex: *unemployment, single family income, health conditions, medical expenses, self-funding tuition, etc.*): _____

Any scholarship application not entirely completed will be disqualified.
If additional room is needed, please include a separate sheet with this application.