

Scholarships Available to West Virginia High School Graduates

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Appalachian Leadership & Education Foundation



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For students attending



(Any academic major)



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ALEF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation (ALEF) recruits and educates young men and women who are academically qualified, hard-working and assertive, but who would otherwise find college financially challenging. Our goal is to develop these young men and women into skilled citizens and future leaders for Appalachia and the Nation. Our core values are to develop a sense of *integrity* in everything our Fellows do; to instill an ingrained belief in *service-before-self*; and to guide them to strive for character, leadership, and technical *excellence*.

ALEF bestows scholarships to a select group of West Virginia High School Graduates. The scholarship recipients are required to attend Concord, Shepherd, Marshall or West Virginia Universities in West Virginia. The scholarship will be renewed each year when the Fellow has maintained a satisfactory GPA and has met the character standards and leadership requirements of ALEF. The Fellows may major in whatever academic specialty they desire and will also attend classes specially designed to develop character and leadership skills. Scholarship candidates will be notified if selected. Notification will not be made to non-selects.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high-school senior.
- Complete the FASFA forms (online at www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Have at least a 3.2 grade point average (GPA). ALEF scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average range to above-average range.
- Have exhibited character and leadership skills through academic or athletic extracurricular activities.
- Express an interest to remain in West Virginia following graduation.
- Be accepted by one of the participating universities.

ALEF offers talented young men and women of West Virginia an extraordinary opportunity, who find college financially challenging, to join a Fellowship, which includes a scholarship accompanied by a leadership/character development curriculum and meaningful activities throughout the four-year scholarship.

Application Instructions

- Type or complete on-line and print off all requested information to mail in.
- Complete the scholarship information in full. If any information is incomplete, the application will be rejected.
- Prepare a 300-word essay on one of the following topics:
 1. Describe the community in which you live and indicate how it has influenced the person you are.
 2. Describe a mentor or leader you admire.

- Have two school representatives (teacher, principal, coach, counselor, ect.) complete the Educator’s Statement (forms attached). Statements must be submitted in a sealed envelope from the author.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a local community leader other than an educator (elected official, local business leader, etc.). Recommendations must be submitted in a sealed envelope from the author.
- Include your most recent grade transcript (all seven semesters must be submitted).
- All signatures must be provided where indicated on the application.

Terms and Conditions

- Scholarships will be awarded. The scholarship will automatically be renewed for three (3) subsequent years if the Fellow maintains a satisfactory GPA and has met the character standards and leadership requirements of ALEF.
- All applications will be reviewed and winners selected by a selection committee composed of ALEF educators and/or Board of Directors.
- Selected applicants will be notified if they are chosen, but no notification will be made if not selected.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, or disability.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Refer to the checklist below to ensure that all components of the application have been fulfilled.

Applications must be postmarked to ALEF by **March 1 of the applicable year. Mail completed application and all attachments to:**

**Appalachian Leadership & Education Foundation
PO Box 1638
Williamson, WV 25661**

Application Checklist

- _____ Completed application form
- _____ Transcript (7 semesters)
- _____ 300 word essay
- _____ Two Educator’s statements (sealed)
- _____ Letter of Recommendation (sealed)
- _____ Postmark by March 1 of the applicable year
- _____ Must complete FAFSA form (do not submit form with application)

For Applicants Already Enrolled In College

If applying as a current college student, please omit the requirements of two educator’s statements, a letter of recommendation, and your high school transcript. In place of the two educator’s statements, please provide two references who can attest to your intellectual promise, character, and leadership skills. Instead of submitting their high school transcript, current college students will need to submit their updated college transcripts showing their grades through the term most recently completed. In the sections labeled “work experience”, “school activities”, “volunteer and community activities”, and “awards and honors”, current college students are encouraged to report both high school and college occurrences in each section, if applicable. Additionally, if a past or current Fellow recommended you to ALEF, please provide their name in the “additional comments” section.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Instructions

1. Please fill out all fields on this application and mail to:
Selection Committee
Appalachian Leadership & Education Foundation
PO Box 1638
Williamson, WV 25661
2. Please type or fill out on-line.
3. Include all requested attachments.
4. **Postmark** application to ALEF no later than **March 1 of the applicable year.**

Students Name _____ Social Security Number _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

Father/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

Mother/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ E-mail _____

High School _____

Address: _____

City _____ State WV Zip _____

County _____

High School Phone () _____

Grade Point Average (please provide your un-weighted GPA cumulative through your 7th semester)

SAT Score (combined) _____ ACT Score (combined) _____

Check the University you plan to attend:

☐ Concord ☐ Marshall ☐ Shepherd ☐ WVU

Have you applied to that university? ☐ yes ☐ no

Have you been accepted? _____ If not, when will you hear? _____

Anticipated major or area of study _____

Work Experience: List your work experience over the last four years, in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Company	Position/Job Description	Avg. Hours	Years 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th

School Activities: List all school activities in which you have participated in the last four years (i.e., athletics, student government, clubs). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Activity	Total Hours	Position (i.e. Treasurer)	Years 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th

Community and Volunteer Activities: List all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in the last four years (do not include any school activities in this section). Attach additional page if necessary.

Activity	Total Hours	Position	Comments

Awards and Honors: List awards and honors you are most proud of that you have received in the last four years (including academic and scouting awards or honors). Attach additional page if necessary.

Year 9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th	Award or Honor	Comments

Additional Comments:

Special Circumstances: Relay additional information as to financial challenge/burden of compensating the costs of a college education if not for scholarships such as this one. Please refer to such indicators as (i.e. family need, hardships overcome, job loss, *First in Your Family to attend college/and or other siblings in college*, single parent home, health issues). Please provide this information for the Selection Committee to consider in determining need.

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation (ALEF) to contact my references and/or school if necessary, and to use my name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship award.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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EDUCATOR'S STATEMENT

THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPLETED A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE.

To be submitted by student with Completed Application in Sealed Envelope*

Applicant's name _____ Date _____

High School _____

Educator's Name _____

Position _____ Telephone () _____

Please describe whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in a candidate's intellectual promise, character, and leadership skills. We welcome any information that will help distinguish this student from others. Please submit your comments on a separate page.

Personality & Character Evaluation

Compared with other high-school seniors, how would you rate this student in the following areas?

Average Good Very Good Excellent One of best ever encountered

Positive Attitude _____

Enthusiasm & Support
of the School _____

Leadership Qualities _____

Academic Achievement _____

Sense of Responsibility
High Principles
and Values _____

Signature of Evaluator _____ **Date** _____

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