



TIME SENSITIVE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

DATE: January 20, 2026

TO: COAD Area High Schools and Vocational Schools
Area 2-Year and 4-Year Institutions of Higher Education
COAD Member Community Action Agencies

FROM: Allyssa Mefford, COAD Operations & Engagement Director, and David V. Stivison
Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund Administrator

SUBJECT: COAD David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund

I am pleased to announce the availability of this scholarship fund for students in our 30-county service area who want to attend an institution of higher education, but lack the required resources to do so. The Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) is offering this scholarship in collaboration with its member Community Action Agencies.

Enclosed is a copy of the application information and procedures along with an application form and the accompanying paperwork. Feel free to make additional copies of these materials as needed or you may download all relevant forms from our website. Please distribute this information to students who may qualify and need financial assistance.

The application deadline is May 1st. All applications and required paperwork must be submitted (postmarked) by this date to be considered. Applicants must submit all application forms and required documentation **to the Community Action Agency that serves the county in which the applicant resides.** Please note that sending applications directly to COAD will delay processing. I have included a listing of the seventeen COAD-member Community Action Agencies and the counties they serve with this mailing or you can find the information on our website.

If you have any questions about COAD, our member agencies, or this Appalachian community action scholarship opportunity, please use the information below to visit our website or contact us by email.

Thank you.

The Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development
David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD) David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund is to provide financial assistance to students who:

1. Are residents of COAD's service area
2. Want to attend institutions of higher education
3. Lack the required resources to do so

Purposes:

- * To enable students to attend an accredited institution of higher education by awarding scholarship assistance.
- * To increase participation rates of COAD service area students who attend institutions of higher education.
- * To provide, when possible and desired, summer employment opportunities to selected scholarship recipients in cooperation with COAD-member Community Action Agencies.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Be a resident of the 30-county COAD service area for at least one year before the application deadline.
2. Reside in a household with a total annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
3. Have obtained or will obtain a high school degree or GED.
4. Show proof of acceptance by an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution of higher education.

Application Procedures:

Eligible applicants will be required to submit a completed application form provided by COAD according to the instructions given. Applications will be solicited from area high schools and vocational schools in the 30-county service area. Non-traditional students may apply directly to local Community Action Agencies.

Applications must be **submitted to the appropriate COAD-member Community Action Agency** that serves the county where the applicant resides. A directory of participating Community Action Agencies and the thirty counties they serve can be found on COAD's website.

The completed application must be submitted (postmarked) to the appropriate Community Action Agency by May 1 to be considered for funding for the academic year beginning in the Fall term of that year.

Each COAD-member Community Action Agency will determine whether eligibility criteria have been met, screen applicants and recommend applicants for consideration by COAD. COAD will review the applications submitted from member Community Action Agencies based on need, character, inclination, grades, and other factors it deems appropriate, except that it will not consider race, creed, color, age, sex, political affiliation, national origin, familial status or disability in making decisions.

Preference will be given to first year students who plan to attend either a 2-year or 4-year institution of higher education within the 30-county COAD service area, unless the field of study chosen by the applicant is not offered by any of these institutions. **The awards will be final and will be announced by May 20th.**

Further Information:

For additional information about the Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund, please contact:

Operations & Engagement Director/Scholarships Administrator
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development
P.O. Box 787
Athens, Ohio 45701-0787
Email: scholarships@coadinc.org

or, contact the local Community Action Agency.



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David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund

Please see the attachment in the mailed application packet or refer to our website and write down the name and address of your local community action agency:

→ This is where you will be sending your completed application materials.

SENDING APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO COAD WILL DELAY PROCESSING.

Applicant Checklist

When submitting an application for consideration, please make sure you have included the following:

- _____ Application for Financial Assistance (2 pages)
- _____ Household Income Statement and Verification Form (1 page)
- _____ Income documentation (ie. tax returns or paycheck stubs, etc.)
- _____ Counselor/Principal Evaluation Form (1 page)
- _____ High School Transcript
- _____ Proof of acceptance by an accredited 2-year or 4-year institution of higher education.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OMISSION OF ANY OF THESE DOCUMENTS COULD PREVENT YOU FROM BEING CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE.

**United States Department of Health and Human Services
2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Ohio**

GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES

"Gross Annual Household Income" means all money received by all persons living in the household, including Social Security benefits, Veterans benefits, Alimony, Child Support, Interest income, Unemployment benefits, Workers Compensation benefits, Strike benefits, Cash Public Assistance benefits, Wages and tips.

# of persons in the household	200% of Poverty (Scholarship Guidelines)
1	\$31,920
2	\$43,280
3	\$54,640
4	\$66,000
5	\$77,360
6	\$88,720
7	\$100,080
8	\$111,440
Each additional person adds	\$11,360

COAD Member Agencies

Kno-Ho-Co Ashland CAC

120 N 4th St, Coshocton, Ohio 43812
Counties: Knox, Holmes, Coshocton, Ashland

HARCATUS Tri-County CAO

821 Anola Ave. Suite A, Dover, Ohio 44622
Counties: Harrison, Carroll, Tuscarawas

CAA of Columbiana County

7880 Lincole Place, Lisbon, Ohio 44432
County: Columbiana

Jefferson County CAC

114 North 4th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 43952
County: Jefferson

Muskingum EOAG

828 Lee St, Zanesville, Ohio 43701
County: Muskingum

G.M.N. Tri-County CAC

615 North Street, Caldwell, Ohio 43724
Counties: Guernsey, Monroe, Noble

CAC of Belmont County

153 1/2 West Main Street, St Clairsville, Ohio 43950
County: Belmont

Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action

3 Cardaras Drive P.O. Box 220, Glouster, Ohio 45732
Counties: Hocking, Athens, Perry

CAPC of Washington-Morgan Counties

218 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750
Counties: Washington, Morgan

Ross County CAC

250 Woodbridge Avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601
County: Ross

Highland County CAO

1487 N High Street, Suite 500, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133-8496
County: Highland

CAC of Pike County

941 Market St, Piketon Ohio 45661
County: Pike

Jackson-Vinton CAA

118 S. New York Avenue, Wellston, Ohio 45692
Counties: Jackson, Vinton

Gallia-Meigs CAA

8317 SR 7 N Cheshire, Ohio, 45620
Counties: Gallia, Meigs

Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities

406 W. Plum Street, Georgetown, Ohio 45121
Counties: Adams, Brown

CAO of Scioto County

433 3rd St, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
County: Scioto

Ironton-Lawrence County Area CAO

120 N Third Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638
County: Lawrence