



PEÑASCO VALLEY TELEPHONE EDUCATION and DIRECTORS' MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Qualification Criteria

The applicant must be an active member of Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., or immediate family of an active member (**son, daughter or legal ward**) as of January 1 of the current year and who has had at least two months service. To qualify, the account must be in good standing.

AN ACTIVE MEMBER IS DEFINED AS A PVT CUSTOMER RECEIVING A TELEPHONE LANDLINE OR INTERNET SERVICE TO THEIR HOME OR BUSINESS FROM A PVT COOPERATIVE EXCHANGE AREA.

High school seniors, current college students and returning-adult students may apply. Landline or internet service outside the Cooperative's exchange area does not qualify. PVT landline numbers within the PVT cooperative exchange area begin with 365 (Cottonwood), 653 (Hondo), 484 (Hope), 457 (Lakewood), 677 (Loco Hills), or 687 (Mayhill).

Submission of this application is for consideration of both the Peñasco Valley Telephone Education Scholarship and the PVT Directors' Memorial Scholarship. Eligible applicants may receive one or both scholarships. Eligibility does not guarantee a scholarship award.

Amount and Disbursement of Scholarships

Peñasco Valley Telephone Education Scholarship

The scholarship awarded by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) will be for \$6,400 (\$800 per semester) for **undergraduate work only**. Upon enrollment confirmation submission, \$800 of the scholarship will be made available prior to the beginning of the first semester.

Should the scholarship be awarded, the recipient is responsible for having written verification of their intent to attend the college/university/trade school in the CFSNM office two (2) weeks before the beginning of the school term. No monies will be issued without this verification.

Each consecutive semester thereafter, the student must present to the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico a grade report produced by the school certifying that the student carried at least twelve (12) hours for the entire semester with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 for that semester. Upon receipt of this information and proof of future enrollment as a full time student, a payment of \$800 will be issued to the college/university/trade school. The maximum scholarship amount any student may receive is limited to a total of \$6,400.

PVT Directors' Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship awarded by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a one-time award of \$500 for the freshman year only.

Should the scholarship be awarded, the recipient is responsible for having written verification of their intent to attend the college/university/trade school in the CFSNM office two (2) weeks before the beginning of the school term. No monies will be issued without this verification.

Type and Location of School

The scholarship can be used for any educational institution of higher learning. This will include any junior college, college, university, trade or vocational school. The student may attend school in any state of the United States.

Scholarship Application *(see reverse side)*

The complete application must be submitted by email, US mail or hand-delivered and must be received in the corporate headquarters of Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., 4011 West Main Street, Artesia, New Mexico 88210 by March 1. Late applications will not be accepted. The application **MUST BE** postmarked prior to March 1. The complete application **MUST** include:

1. Official Transcript
2. Resumé (include education, activities, community service, special achievements and work history)
3. Recommendation letter from a civic or religious leader, employer, or family friend, in a sealed envelope
4. Recommendation letter from a school official at the school you are currently attending, in a sealed envelope
5. Completed application form and required signatures
6. An essay (approximately 300 words) that answers **ONE** of the following questions:
 - a. What is your most significant accomplishment? Elaborate on why you believe it exemplifies you as an individual.
 - b. How has the community in which you live influenced the person you are?
 - c. What industry or opportunity would entice you to return to a rural community after completing your education, and why?

Scholarship Announcement

The scholarship winners will be announced at the PVT Annual Meeting.

