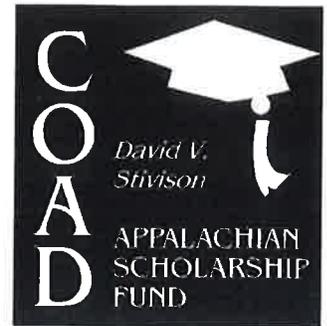




CORPORATION FOR OHIO APPALACHIAN DEVELOPMENT



TIME SENSITIVE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

DATE: January 25, 2021

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

FROM: Allyssa Mefford, COAD Operations Director and David V. Stivison Appalachian
Community Action Scholarship Fund Administrator on behalf of our member agencies

SUBJECT: COAD David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship Fund - 2021

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 1, 2021. 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** (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, COAD member agencies, or this Appalachian community action scholarship opportunity, please visit our website or contact us by email (listed below).

Thank you.

1 Pinchot Lane ■ P.O. Box 787 ■ Athens, OH 45701-0787
Phone: 740-594-8499 ■ Fax: 800-878-5281 ■ Email: scholarships@coadinc.org
Website: <http://new.coadinc.org/scholarships/>

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 10th.**

Further Information:

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

Operations Director
Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development
P.O. Box 787
Athens, Ohio 45701-0787
E-mail: scholarships@coadinc.org

or, contact the Executive Director of the local COAD-member Community Action Agency listed in the directory.

This scholarship program is sponsored in collaboration with the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE), a consortium of ten institutions of higher education located within the Appalachian Ohio region. For information about OACHE or the scholarship program, contact Shawnee State University, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662-4344 or call (740) 355-2299.

Background Information:

The Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development is a private, non-profit community-based 501(c)(3) organization that serves thirty rural, mostly Appalachian counties in eastern, southeastern and southern Ohio. It is a membership organization comprised of seventeen Community Action Agencies. COAD's mission is to promote unified action and representation for its member agencies and the constituencies they serve, mainly low-income families and the elderly, by providing a collective voice for small, rural counties and agencies that otherwise would have difficulty attracting the attention or resources to meet their needs. COAD is an economic and human development entity, which operates programming primarily oriented toward the overall development and upward mobility of the Appalachian area of Ohio and its residents. COAD is an equal opportunity employer/provider of services.

David V. Stivison (1946 - 1997) was a former COAD employee, a native of Hocking County, Ohio, and a graduate of Ohio University and Harvard Law School. This Appalachian Scholarship Fund is named in his memory as a tribute to his pursuit of academic excellence and his commitment to help others achieve to their fullest potential.

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

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – Page 2

List any honors or awards you received during high school:

List all other financial assistance you have received or for which you have applied for the next academic year:

Type/Name of Assistance	Date Applied	Date Awarded	Amount
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Please explain any special circumstances the Scholarship Selection Committee should take into consideration:

Briefly explain your reasons for seeking a college education and the goals you have set for your future:

I confirm the information on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete documentation or failure to submit all required forms listed in the instructions will disqualify the applicant.

As the Applicant's parent or guardian, I confirm that the Applicant has my permission to apply for the COAD David V. Stivison Appalachian Community Action Scholarship. I also verify that the financial and academic information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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

COUNSELOR/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION FORM

(To be completed by school personnel)

Student's Full Name: _____

This information should reflect the student's status at the conclusion of the most recent grading period of the senior year:

Grade Point Average _____ of a possible _____ points Rank in class _____

ACT composite score _____ or SAT scores _____

The following information should reflect your personal observation of the student:

Please rate this student as to his/her overall effort exhibited during the school year:

Outstanding _____ Above Average _____ Average _____

Please rate this student as to his/her inclination to succeed in post secondary education:

Outstanding _____ Above Average _____ Average _____

Please rate this student as to his/her character:

Outstanding _____ Above Average _____ Average _____

Based on your knowledge of this student, please indicate your perception of his/her need for financial assistance:

Definite Need _____ Possible Need _____ Questionable Need _____

Please use the space provided for additional remarks and/or to explain any special circumstances the Scholarship Selection Committee should take into consideration (you may use additional paper if necessary):

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ATTACH A TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES TO THIS FORM

Printed Name of Counselor/Principal

Title

Date

Signature of Counselor/Principal

School District and/or County

**United States Department of Health and Human Services
2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Ohio**

Effective January 13, 2021

GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES *

# of persons in the household	200% of Poverty (Scholarship Guidelines)
1	\$25,760
2	\$34,840
3	\$43,920
4	\$53,000
5	\$62,080
6	\$71,160
7	\$80,240
8	\$89,320
Each additional person adds	\$9,080

* "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.

COAD Member Agencies

Adams-Brown Economic Opportunity
406 W. Plum Street
Georgetown, OH 45121
1-800-553-7393/ (937) 378-6041
FAX: (937) 378-4114 / 378-3831
Executive Director: Dan Wickerham

HAP Community Action
P.O. Box 220
3 Cardaras Drive
Glouster, Ohio 45732
(740) 767-4500
FAX: (740) 767-2301
Executive Director: Kelly Hatas

Belmont County C.A.C.
153 1/2 W. Main Street
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
(740) 695-0294
FAX: (740) 699-2578
Executive Director: Alaire Mancz

Gallia-Meigs C.A.A.
P.O. Box 272
8010 North S.R. 7
Cheshire, OH 45620
(740) 367-7341
FAX: (740) 367-7510
Executive Director: Lora Rawson

G.M.N. Tri-County C.A.C.
615 North Street
Caldwell, OH 43724
(740) 732-2388
FAX: (740) 732-2389
Chief Executive Officer: Gary Ricer

HARCATUS Tri-County C.A.O.
225 Fair Avenue NE
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663
(740) 922-0933
FAX: (740) 922-4128
Executive Director: Alison Kerns

Highland County C.A.O.
1487 North High Street
Business Center Suite 500
Hillsboro, OH 45133
(937) 393-3458
FAX: (937) 393-7707
Executive Director: Julia Wise

Ironton-Lawrence C.A.O.
305 North Fifth Street
Ironton, OH 45638
(740) 532-3534
FAX: (740) 547-3926
Chief Executive Officer: D.R. Gossett

Jackson-Vinton C.A.A.
118 South New York Ave.
Wellston, OH 45692
(740) 384-3722
FAX: (740) 384-5815
Executive Director: Cheryl Thiessen

Jefferson County C.A.C.
P.O. Box 130
114 N. Fourth Street
Steubenville, OH 43952
(740) 282-0971
FAX: (740) 282-8361
Chief Executive Officer: Mike McGlumphy

KnoHoCo Ashland C.A.C.
120 N. 4th Street
Coshocton, OH 43812
(740) 622-9801
FAX: (740) 622-0165
Chief Executive Officer: Mike Stephens

Muskingum E.O.A.G., Inc.
828 Lee Street
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 453-5703, 1692, 5278
FAX: (740) 454-3717
Executive Director: Steve Wilson

C.A.C. of Pike County
P.O. Box 799
941 Market Street
Piketon, OH 45661
(740) 289-2371
FAX: (740) 289-4291
Executive Director: Keith Pitts

Ross County C.A.C.
250 Woodbridge Avenue
Chillicothe, OH 45601
(740) 702-7222
FAX: (740) 702-7220 or 7234
Executive Director: Julie Bolen

C.A.O. of Scioto County
P.O. Box 1525
Portsmouth, OH 45662
(740) 354-7541
FAX: (740) 354-3933
Executive Director: Steve Sturgill

Washington-Morgan C.A.P.
P.O. Box 144
218 Putnam Street
(740) 373-3745
FAX: (740) 373-6775 / (740) 373-6287
Executive Director: David Brightbill

C.A.A. of Columbiana County, Inc.
7880 Lincolne Place
Lisbon, OH 44432
(330) 424-7221
FAX: (330) 424-3731
Executive Director: Tom Andrews