



BEK COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

BEK Communications Cooperative is a private, non-profit cooperative established to provide rural communications services, enhance the rural lifestyle and encourage its members and customers to continue their education in technology. In keeping with the tradition and mission of the Cooperative's 60+ year history, we are pleased to offer the BEK Communications Technology Scholarship to Valley City State University (VCSU) students.

APPLICATION SUMMARY

Eligibility:

- Parents are a BEK Cooperative member or BEK Fiber customer (student is a dependent) or student is a BEK Cooperative member or BEK Fiber customer (student is not a dependent)
- Student must be actively working toward a tech-related degree
- VCSU Financial Aid office will confirm additional eligibility including citizenship, full-time enrollment and academic excellence

Key Dates:

APPLICATION DEADLINE on or before **FEBRUARY 15**

AWARD NOTIFICATION on or before **APRIL 1**

Application Checklist:

- BEK Communications Service Confirmation
- Completed Application
- Essay on how technology has changed your life

APPLICATION PROCESS/REQUIREMENTS

BEK Communications Cooperative awards a technology scholarship to its BEK Fiber members or customers based on academic merit, leadership, curriculum, community service and other criteria. To qualify, applicants must follow and adhere to the following guidelines:

- All applicants must submit a completed BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarship Application. Students must submit an application for admission to the college before submitting a Technology Scholarship Application. Failure to submit a completed BEK Communications Cooperative Scholarship Application and ALL required documentation will result in the applicant NOT being considered for available scholarships.
- BEK Technology Scholarships: Scholarship applicants must be a U.S. citizen and receive BEK Fiber-based services at the time of the application. BEK Fiber services must be provided to the parents of the student applicant if the student is a dependent of the parents; or applicant must receive BEK Fiber services as an individual if they are no longer a dependent of their parents as filed in the most recent federal tax filing.
- Scholarship applicants must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on all high school or college/vocational credits and must plan to enroll or be enrolled on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 college credits or 450 clock hours).

DEADLINES FOR CONSIDERATION

BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarship Application and all requisite academic transcripts and documentation are accepted throughout the specified academic year and are subject to firm deadlines established. Submitted applications will be reviewed for eligibility for each term thereafter for the academic year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE	on or before FEBRUARY 15
AWARD NOTIFICATION	on or before APRIL 1

If the deadline date listed falls on either Saturday or Sunday, applications will be accepted through the next business day.

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS

Current high school seniors are required to attach a preliminary official high school transcript (grade 9 through the first semester of grade 12) with their Technology Scholarship Application (TSA) and apply for admission to the college. Upon graduation from high school a final transcript must be submitted to the Student Records Office.

All home educated students must provide official documentation of registration with their high school district for grades 11 and 12, a Home School affidavit, and either a minimum score of 520 computation and 521 verbal on the SAT; or a minimum score of 19 English, 20 Math, and 22 Reading on the ACT; or a minimum 104 Reading, 99 Writing and 123 Math PERT test scores. The required documentation must be on file with the Student Records Office at the college.

ALL OTHER APPLICANTS

If an applicant's high school graduation date is less than 10 years prior to the beginning date of the current Fall term AND the applicant has not completed at least 12 college or vocational credits, or 450 clock hours, the applicant must submit an official copy of their high school transcript with the Technology Scholarship Application. Selection consideration will be based on the high school grade point average. High school dual enrollment courses are considered in calculating the high school grade point average until the student has completed at least 12 credits beyond the high school graduation.

If an applicant's high school graduation date is more than 10 years prior to the beginning date of the current Fall term, applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 college prep, college or vocational credits, or 450 clock hours from any college(s). The combined GPA will be used to determine the cumulative GPA.

If an applicant has completed 12 or more college or vocational credits, or 450 clock hours at any college(s), the applicant must submit the official transcript with the Technology Scholarship Application.

A student who has scored a 3000 or higher on the General Education Development Exam (GED) may be eligible for a BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarship. Applicant must have tested or re-tested for the GED exam within the last 12 months.

SELECTION PROCESS, CRITERIA, COMMITTEE

There are two steps in the BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarships selection process, which can be awarded annually or each semester at the discretion of the college:

Step 1: VCSU Financial Aid Office/Scholarship Selection Committee will use BEK's Technology Scholarship Application approved selection criteria to provide a short list of no more than (5) fully qualified candidates for review and final award by the BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors.

Step 2: Scholarships awarded by a BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors will occur at the monthly board meeting following the delivery of no more than (5) fully qualified candidates, scoring and applications for review and final approval by the Board.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Award Amount:	\$2,500 for an academic year or \$1,250 for an academic semester (2/year)
Number of Awards:	1 (\$2,500) or 2 (\$1,250) each academic year
Length of Award:	Minimum of one semester, maximum of 2 semesters
Selection Made By:	VCSU Financial Aid Office/College Scholarship Selection Committee
Final Approval By:	BEK Communications Cooperative Board of Directors

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Complete a BEK Communications Cooperative Technology Scholarship Application and return it to the Valley City State University Financial Aid office.
2. Applicants must have a completed Application for Admission on file with the Enrollment Services Office prior to registering for classes. High school and/or college transcripts must also be on file in the Enrollment Services Office by the required deadline.
3. Scholarship deadlines are strictly enforced: APPLICATIONS DUE on or before **FEBRUARY 15**.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Student must meet Valley City State University academic and enrollment standards.
2. Student's parents (if a dependent) or Student (if not a dependent of parent) must be a BEK Fiber Services customer or member.
3. Student must enroll, or be enrolled, in a program of technology study leading to an Associates or Bachelors degree. Examples include: Computer Information Systems, Professional Communications with a Digital Media Management Concentration, Software Engineering, and Technology Education.
4. Scholarship can be applied toward registration fees, books, or additional classroom materials.
5. This application is available online on the BEK website at www.bek.coop and at the VCSU Financial Aid website at <http://www.vcsu.edu/financialaid>.

This Technology Scholarship Application will be used to award the **BEK COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP** administered by Valley City State University and BEK Communications Cooperative. This application, any required academic transcripts, and documentation must be received on or before FEBRUARY 15. **THIS APPLICATION IS VALID FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR.**

BEK TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PRINT (in blue or black ink) or **TYPE** the following:

SSN: _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

College Student I.D. (SID): _____
(If assigned; otherwise leave blank)

Maiden Name: _____

Phone: Home: (____) _____ **Work:** (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____
P.O. Box or Street Address/Apartment

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

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Demographic information may be required for state and federal reports.

Gender: Male Female **Race:** Alaskan Native American Indian Asian Black Hispanic Pacific Islander White

EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL: (Official transcript must be on file in the Enrollment Services Office)

Name of High School: _____ **State:** _____ **Graduation Date:** _____
Mo./Yr.

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GED: No Yes **GED State:** _____ **GED Date:** _____
Mo./Yr.

COLLEGE: [Official transcript(s) must be on file in the Enrollment Services Office.]
List all college(s), and date(s), previously attended. (NO ABBREVIATIONS)

Name of college	Dates attended
_____	_____
_____	_____

1. Were you the recipient of a BEK Communications Cooperative Technology or any other Scholarship during the previous academic year? Yes No If yes, identify the name of the scholarship.

2. What degree/certificate are you pursuing? Associate Bachelor of Science

3. What program of study (declared major) are you pursuing at College? _____

4. What are your enrollment plans while attending College:

- Full-time (minimum 12 credits or 450 clock hours)
- Part-time (minimum 6 credits or 225 clock hours)

5. Expected graduation date from College: _____ (Mo./Yr.)

6. List activities and leadership positions, academic or extracurricular honors or awards (high school, college, community service, volunteer) received.
