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 **<u>submitted to the appropriate COAD-member Community Action Agency</u>** 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 <u>COAD's website</u>.

The completed application must be submitted (postmarked) to <u>the appropriate Community Action Agency</u> by <u>April 1</u> 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's Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications submitted from member Community Action Agencies and select the scholarship recipients 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 such selections.

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 1. Applicants selected will be invited to attend COAD's annual banquet in August to be formally introduced and recognized. Any costs associated with attending this banquet will be paid by COAD. Attendance at the banquet is not required.

Summer Employment:

Depending on the availability of funding and the interests of the selected applicants, participating Community Action Agencies will offer the opportunity of summer employment to scholarship recipients. The terms of employment and the work assignments will be based on the student's career interests and the employment needs of the local agency. Any income earned by a student through this summer employment opportunity will be in addition to the scholarship awarded.

Further Information:

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

Allyssa Mefford, Operations Director Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development P.O. Box 787 Athens, Ohio 45701-0787 Phone: 740-594-8499 Fax: 740-592-5994 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.

Applicant Checklist

Please see the attachment in the mailed application packet or refer to our <u>website</u> 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.

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) |
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- 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.

MARK EACH ITEM THAT YOU ARE SUBMITTING AND INCLUDE THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOUR APPLICATON MATERIALS.

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

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students: We consider it your responsibility to see that this information is complete in every detail and is submitted (postmarked) by April 1 to the appropriate Community Action Agency in your area.

You must submit the following material:

- 1. Household Income Statement and Verification Form: Please complete and submit the financial information statement attached. This form must be signed by your parent or legal guardian. Non-traditional students must complete and sign this form.
- 2. Application Form: Please note the application must be signed by you and your parent/legal guardian (unless you are a non-traditional student).
- 3. Counselor/Principal Evaluation Form: Remind your counselor that a transcript must accompany this application.

REMEMBER All information must be submitted (postmarked) to the appropriate local Community Action Agency by <u>April 1</u> to be considered.

| Please type or print | | | | | |
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| | General 1 | Information: | | | |
| Full Name: | | | | | Gender: |
| Last | First | | Middle Initia | | Male or Female |
| Address: | | | Ohio | | |
| Number & Street/Route/Bo | ox # City | | Zij | p Code | Area Code and Telephone # |
| County of Residence: | | Email address: | | | |
| Date of Birth: | Marital Status: | | _ SSN (last fo | our digit | s) : <u>xx-xxx-</u> |
| High School Attended: | | | Gi | raduation | n Date: |
| Parent or Guardian' s Full Name: | | | | | |
| | Last | First | | | Middle Initial |
| Name and Address of College or Univer | sity you plan to attend: | | | | |
| Planned major field of study: | | ····· | | | |

You may attach additional pages if there is not adequate space for you to complete the remaining required information.

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| List any hono | List any honors or awards you received during high school: | | | |
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| List all other financial assistance you h Type/Name of Assistance | ave received or for which y Date Applied | You have applied for the nex Date Awarded | t academic year: Amount | |
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| Please explain any special circumstance | es the Scholarship Selection | n Committee should take in | to consideration: | |
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| Briefly explain your reasons for see | king a college education an | nd the goals you have set for | your future: | |
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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

COUNSELOR/PRINCIPAL EVALUATION FORM

(To be completed by school personnel)

| Student's Full Name: | | | | | |
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| 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 ir | formation should reflect your pe | ersonal observation of the student: | | | |
| Please rate this student as to his/her ov | erall effort exhibited during the sch | nool year: | | | |
| Outstanding | Above Average | Average | | | |
| Please rate this student as to his/her inc | clination to succeed in post seconda | ary 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 | | | |
| | | in any special circumstances the Scholarship Selection y use additional paper if necessary): | | | |
| PLEASE REMEM | BER TO ATTACH A TRANSCI | RIPT OF GRADES TO THIS FORM | | | |

Printed Name of Counselor/Principal

Title

Signature of Counselor/Principal

School District and/or County

HOUSEHOLD INCOME STATEMENT AND VERIFICATION FORM

<u>Instructions:</u> This form is to be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian unless the applicant is a non-traditional student, in which case the form is to be completed by the applicant. In either case, this form must be completed and submitted with the other application information.

To be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must reside in a household with a total annual income at or below 200% of the current federal poverty guidelines.

| Full Name: | | Traditional | Student (High school senior) | or Non-Traditio | onal Student |
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| Parentor Gu | | Name (if traditional student):_ | | | |
| | | Gross Household | Income Information: | | |
| that calendar year. A | All sources of income | e must be documented and | alendar year and identify all d copies of the documentation tation include tax returns, be | on must be attached to | this form and |
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I certify that the total annual household income shown above is complete and accurate. I understand that household income means all income received by all persons residing in the household, including, but not limited to Social Security benefits, Veterans benefits, Alimony, Child Support, Interest, State Unemployment benefits, Workers Compensation benefits, Strike benefits, cash Public Assistance benefits, Wages and Tips.

I verify that all statements and items of documentation submitted on and with this form are true, correct and complete and I realize that I may be held liable under Federal and State laws for making any knowingly false or fraudulent statements.

United States Department of Health and Human Services 2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Ohio

As published in the January 18, 2018 Federal Register

GROSS ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES *

| # of persons in the household | 200% of Poverty (Scholarship Guidelines) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$24,280 |
| 2 | \$32,920 |
| 3 | \$41,560 |
| 4 | \$50,200 |
| 5 | \$58,840 |
| 6 | \$67,480 |
| 7 | \$76,120 |
| 8 | \$84,760 |
| Each additional person adds | \$8,640 |

* "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: Alvin Norris Counties: Adams, Brown

HAP Community Action P.O. Box 220 3 Cardaras Drive Glouster, Ohio 45732 (740) 767-4500 FAX: (740) 767-2301 Executive Director: Doug Stanley Counties: Hocking, Athens, Perry

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

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: Tom Reed Counties: Gallia, Meigs

G.M.N. Tri-County C.A.C. 615 North Street Caldwell, OH 43724 (740) 732-2388 FAX: (740) 732-2389 CB4 Chief Executive Officer: Gary Ricer Counties: Guernsey, Monroe, Noble

HARCATUS Tri-County C.A.O. 220 Grant Street Dennison, OH 44621 (740) 922-0933 FAX: (740) 922-4128 Executive Director: Alison Kerns Counties: Harrison, Carroll, Tuscarawas

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 Counties: Highland

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 Counties: Lawrence

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

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

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 Counties: Muskingum

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 Counties: Pike

Ross County C.A.C. 603 Central Center Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 702-7222 FAX: (740) 702-7220 or 7234 Executive Director: Trina Payne Counties: Ross

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

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 Counties: Washington, Morgan

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