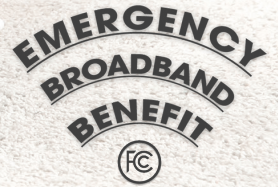


## THE COPPER WIRE



# MAKE CONNECTIONS THAT MATTER WITH EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFITS

Copper Valley Telecom is proud to be a participating broadband provider in the temporary Emergency Broadband Benefits program launched by the Federal Communications Commission, which aims to help families struggling to afford internet during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program provides a discount of up to \$75 per month toward broadband service for eligible Alaskan households. This means that participants could get fiber internet speeds for FREE!

The process is simple, visit [getemergencybroadband.org](https://getemergencybroadband.org) to determine your eligibility and apply for the benefit. Then visit our store or call our customer service department at 800.235.5414 to select the best internet plan for you and inform them of your EBB eligibility. Our technicians will get you set up, and the \$75 credit will be automatically applied to your account every month for the length of the program.

The program will continue until federal funding runs out, or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency.

Your household qualifies for the Emergency Broadband Benefit if it has an income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines **or** if any member of the household meets one of the requirements below:

- Qualifies for the Lifeline program
- Received free and reduced school lunch program benefits during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school years
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers
- Participates in Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal Head Start (only households meeting the relevant income qualifying standard), Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

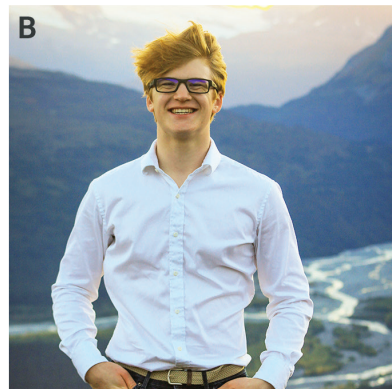


# 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Copper Valley Telecom donates more than \$20,000 in scholarships to local graduating high school seniors each year! Students are eligible if their parent(s) are CVT members and reside in the Valdez or Copper River School District, including the communities of Tatitlek and Mentasta.

This year, we added an additional \$2,500 scholarship for students whose parents are active customers that reside in an area with CVT wireless service but not landline service.

CVT's Scholarship Committee selected scholarship recipients based upon merit. Each of our winners is an outstanding student with an exceptionally bright future ahead of them. We wish them all the best of luck in all of their collegiate and future endeavors.



- A.** Kelsie Friendshuh, a Kenny Lake School 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 CVT scholarship. She plans to attend Pacific University to pursue a degree in Business Management.
- B.** Chase Randall, a VHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$2,500 CVT scholarship. He will attend Elon University to pursue a degree in Musical Theater.
- C.** Josephine Beauchamp, an upstream Learning 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$500 CVT

scholarship. She will attend the University of Fairbanks in pursuit of a Biology degree.

- D.** Jessica Hale, an Upstream Learning 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$2,500 CVT scholarship. She plans to attend North Dakota State University to pursue a degree in Animal Biomedical Science.
- E.** Cherubim Palomar, a VHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 CVT scholarship. She will attend N.W. University or Trinity Bible

College to pursue a degree in Elementary Education & Cultural Studies.

- F.** William Matthews, a GHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 CVT scholarship. He plans to attend Gallatin College to pursue a degree in Business, and plans to ultimately become a Lineman.
- G.** Taylor Dolge, a Kenny Lake School 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,000 CVT scholarship. He plans to attend Alaska Vocational Technical Center to pursue a





degree in Welding.

- H.** Reese King, a VHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 CVT scholarship. She will attend Glendale Community College in California to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.
- I.** Emerson Seifert, a GHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,000 CVT scholarship. He will attend Alaska Vocational Technical Center to pursue an Industrial Electrical degree.
- J.** Samantha Benda, a VHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 CVT scholarship.

She will attend the University of Alaska Southeast to pursue an Elementary Education degree.

- K.** Kael Gerlach, an GHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$3,000 CVT scholarship. He plans to attend college in Missouri or Maryland to pursue a degree in Engineering.
- L.** Ayla Cummings, a Tatitlek School 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$2,500 CVT scholarship. She will attend University of Alaska Fairbanks to pursue a degree in Wildlife Biology.

- M.** David Scott, a GHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$1,500 CVT scholarship. He plans to attend Idaho State University to pursue a degree in Instrumentation.

- N.** Hayden Howard, a VHS 2021 graduate, was awarded a \$3,000 CVT scholarship. He will attend Brigham Young University to pursue a degree in Computer Science.

**Congratulations to the Copper Valley Telecom scholarship recipients and all of the graduating seniors!**





## SOMETHING NEW IS ON THE HORIZON

Copper Valley Telecom is hard at work to enhance your services. Keep an eye out for some exciting updates coming soon.

# AN UPDATE ON 2021 CONSTRUCTION

Frigid temperatures and wild terrain are par for the course in rural Alaska. Extreme working conditions don't stop Copper Valley Telecom from bringing you the best connections available.

This year, we began construction early to get a head start on Fiber-to-the-Home enhancements. The early start allows us to reach more customers while reducing our environmental impact by digging on frozen ground and minimizing disruptions to the local ecosystem.

CVT is preparing for a season of an unprecedented number of new Fiber-to-

the-Home builds, bringing fiber internet to over 1300 new households and businesses! Construction completed this year will allow for in-home installations next summer. Customers will be contacted when installations become available in their area.

Expect to see Copper Valley Telecom contractors and employees alongside the road system, as well as on property within the utility easement while building fiber in your area. Visit [cvtc.org/construction](http://cvtc.org/construction) to see which advancements are headed your way in the coming months, and view weekly project status updates.



### CVT Annual Meetings

June 22nd in Glennallen - Glennallen High School Gym

July 15th in Valdez - Valdez Civic Center

Meetings will be held in person. Registration begins at 5:00 pm and ends at 5:45 pm with a meeting start time of 6:00 pm. There will be no food served to reduce contact. Masks will be made available but not required. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

### CVT Board Meeting

June 29th in Valdez: More information will be available at [cvtc.org](http://cvtc.org) closer to date.

Visit [www.cvtc.org](http://www.cvtc.org) for more information.

### The Copper Wire Quiz

### Enter to Win a \$50 Account Credit

June 2021

Answer all three questions below correctly, tear off, then mail or drop off at the Glennallen or Valdez business office. Return by the 10th of the month to ensure your entry is included in the monthly drawing. Congratulations to the last issue's winners, **KATHLEEN STRATTON** (Glennallen) and **RHONDA WADE** (Valdez). **REMEMBER TO FILL IN YOUR NAME!**

1. What is the date of your local Annual Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How much is the discount provided by the Emergency Broadband Benefit? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name three of the CVT Scholarship recipients? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_