



**Appalachian  
Regional  
Commission**

## **Required Application Materials**

Please be sure to include the following with your application:

- Completed Application Form
- Parent/Guardian Permission Form
- Short Answer Questions
- Creative Project
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or community member

All materials, including letters of recommendations must be received by 11:59 PM CT on March 1, 2021 for consideration.

### **Parent/Guardian Permission Form**

A copy of the Parent/Guardian Notice and Permission Form can be found [here](#). A Parent/Guardian of the Applying Student must sign and date the Notice and Permission Form and upload the signed copy for the student to be eligible for selection.

### **Letter of Recommendation**

Please provide us the name and email of the person who will be submitting a letter of recommendation for you. They should submit the letter to [academies@arc.gov](mailto:academies@arc.gov) with your name in the subject line. Letters of recommendation must be received by the March 1 deadline for your application to be complete.

### **Short Answer Questions**

Your answer to these should be 3-4 sentences, or about 100 words.

1. What do you want the Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy to know about you? How would you want to introduce yourself to the Academy, your instructors, and your peers?
2. What interests you about the Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy? Why are you applying for this program?

## **Creative Project**

To help us get to know you a little better, pick three of the following questions and answer them in a single PDF. This PDF is an opportunity to be creative! You can answer in whatever way you feel best expresses your answers and yourself. You could submit an essay, a piece of your artwork, a collage of photos, a poem, a slideshow, a short story, a map, or another form for answering.

Whatever you choose, please follow these rules:

- The file must be a single PDF. A PDF with several pages, such as a slideshow, is ok.
- Do not include any images or pictures of yourself in the file.
- Do not include any links to external websites in your file.
- Your file should be a static, printable image. Do not include any videos or gifs in your file.

### ***Creative Project Questions***

1. What opportunities for entrepreneurship do you see where you live?
2. What about your community inspires you, or shows you places where you can innovate?
3. What skills and talents do you want to develop in this program? What skills do you have now, or what skills would you want to gain from this program?
4. Who inspires you? What have you learned from other people that you apply to your own life?
5. What do you want to accomplish? What hopes and dreams do you want to achieve?
6. How has your community impacted you? How has where you live shaped your perspectives or your talents?

Any questions about eligibility or about the application process should be directed to [academies@arc.gov](mailto:academies@arc.gov).