



**Appalachian
Entrepreneurship
Academy**
an ARC initiative

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How much does it cost to participate in the Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy?

A: The Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy is a no-cost opportunity. There is no application fee or tuition. Student travel, meals, and lodging are also covered by the program. Most students will bring some money for incidentals or souvenirs, but that is not required.

Q: I live in an ARC county, but I am homeschooled. Am I eligible to apply?

A: Yes! All students who live and attend school in [Appalachia](#), and currently in 9th-11th grade are eligible to apply. That includes public, charter, private, and homeschool students.

Q: I don't have a business idea and I'm not sure I'm an entrepreneur, should I apply?

A: Yes! You don't need a business idea to participate in the program and you'll learn about entrepreneurship with your fellow campers. The skills learned in this program can help no matter where your career takes you later in life.

Q: Where do the students stay?

A: Housing is provided at Appalachian State University. Dormitories provide large meeting areas for social activities and are equipped with hi-speed Wi-Fi and furnishings. Linens are provided for students, including bundles of bedding and towels.

Q: Will there be extracurricular activities as part of the program?

A: Yes! In addition to lessons and group activities on entrepreneurship, the two-week program will feature several extracurricular activities including a trip to Grandfather Mountain, and an outdoor game competition to name a few. Accommodations are available for all activities for students who need them.

Q: I'm a parent who would like to talk to someone about the program. Is there someone I can talk to?

A: Yes! Feel free to reach out to the ARC team at academies@arc.gov and we will be happy to set up a time to talk about this program.

Q. I am an Appalachian student who has been impacted by Hurricane Helene and I am struggling to get my application materials together by the deadline. What should I do?

A. If you have been impacted by Hurricane Helene and need assistance with your application, please contact academies@arc.gov. The ARC team is committed to ensuring that students impacted by the aftermath of Hurricane Helene are supported and have the opportunity to apply for our summer programs.

Q. The Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy is supposed to take place at Appalachian State University; will that be impacted by Hurricane Helene?

A. ARC is working with our partners to ensure that AEA is able to take place safely. We are continuing to monitor recover efforts and will make decisions accordingly.

Other questions? Email us at academies@arc.gov.