



RENEWAL

Scholarship Application

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Single Parent Scholarship is to provide supplemental financial assistance to those single parents who are pursuing a course of instruction which will improve their income-earning potential. Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, utility bills, car maintenance, childcare, or any other financial need that contributes to the recipient's success in school.

Amount of Scholarship

Single Parent Scholarships are distributed three times a year.

Spring and Fall Semesters:	Full Time Students	\$1000	Part Time Students	\$500
Summer Session:	All Students	\$500 per session up to \$1000		

Applicants may reapply for each semester they are attending school but **they must fill out a renewal application for each semester a scholarship is sought.**

Deadlines

Fall Sessions:	July 15th
Spring Sessions:	November 15th
Summer Sessions:	March 15th

Criteria

Single parents selected for financial assistance will meet the following criteria:

1. Resident of Cleveland County, Arkansas.
2. Low income person at or near the poverty level.
3. Single head of household (single, legally separated, divorced, widowed) with sole custody of one or more children under the age of 18.
4. High school or GED graduate.
5. Pursuing a career-oriented course of study (full or part time) to ensure a better standard of living for his/her family. Applicants must not have a baccalaureate degree with the exception of those pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching.
6. Accepted for admission at an accredited educational institution.
7. Recipient of a Pell Grant or in the process of applying for a Pell Grant.

Applications should be mailed to:

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Cleveland County
c/o Cleveland County School District/Cleveland County Head Start
P.O. Box 600
Rison, AR 71665

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EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

What college or school do you now attend or plan to attend? _____

What course of study (major) do you plan to pursue? _____

How many credit hours have you completed toward your degree/diploma? _____

What is your current cumulative grade point average? _____

When do you expect to graduate? Month_____ Yr_____

Will you be a full-time or part-time student during the semester covered by this scholarship? Full ___ Part ___

How many credit hours will you take during the semester covered by this scholarship? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Did you receive a SPSF scholarship for the current semester? Yes No

If NO, when did you last receive a SPSF scholarship? _____

Are you currently working? Yes No

If YES: Number of hours you work per week: _____

Is this a work study position? Yes No

Will you be working for income during the semester covered by this scholarship? Yes No

If YES: Number of hours you expect to work per week: _____

Will this be a work study position? Yes No

What are your anticipated school expenses for the semester covered by this scholarship?

Tuition and Fees _____

Books and Supplies _____

Have you applied for a Pell Grant? Yes No

If YES: Have you received your financial aid award notification? Yes No

What is your total annual income from all sources (work, SSI, Child Support, grants, Scholarships, HUD, food stamps, family, loans, etc)? Amount:_____ Year or 12 month period:_____

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.** If you leave any section blank you will not be considered for a scholarship.

2. **RENEWAL APPLICANTS** must submit the following supporting documents in addition to this application form. Use this checklist to be sure your application packet is complete.

_____ A copy of your latest grade statement.

_____ A letter from Financial Aid Officer of educational institution stating Pell Grant status.

Upon submission of your application you will receive a letter telling you if your application packet is complete. You will only receive one notice if you are missing required items.

3. After the submission deadline, applications will be screened for eligibility. Those applicants eligible for a Single Parent Scholarship will be invited to a personal interview. You will receive a notice telling you the days and times interviews will be conducted.

4. After the interviews, applicants will receive a written notice advising them whether they have been awarded a scholarship. If you receive a scholarship your notification letter will specify the date scholarship money will be distributed and the procedure to follow to receive your check. **Prior to check distribution each recipient must submit:**

_____ A copy of the final grades from the previous semester and

_____ A class schedule for the semester covered by the scholarship.

5. Part time students must take a minimum of 6 credits hours to be eligible for a scholarship or be a completer with less than 6 credit hours.

I have answered every question truthfully and I hereby give permission for all financial and academic information related to my application for a Single Parent Scholarship to be released, upon request, to the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Cleveland County. I also agree to participate in follow up research conducted by SPSFFC after I am no longer receiving scholarship awards and hereby give permission to SPSFFC to obtain enrollment and graduation information from my school as is needed for their subsequent reports.

Signature of Applicant

Date

The following is OPTIONAL but your assistance in these areas increases the ability of Single Parent Scholarship Fund to publicize our efforts and to raise money. Please check yes or no to each item and sign at the bottom of the page. Thank you!

I hereby give Single Parent Scholarship Fund permission to use information about my background, experiences and academic accomplishments in promotional materials. Yes, with my name____ Yes, but only anonymously____ No____

I hereby give permission for the use of pictures of me and my children taken at award ceremonies and SPSFCC events in promotional materials and media announcements. Yes, with my children____ Yes, but only me____ No____

I would be willing to assist SPSF by speaking at civic clubs, churches, or other engagements in which members of the community want to learn about the activities of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund. Yes____ No____

Signature

Date