

## New Recipients - Single Parent Scholarship Fund Of Crawford and Sebastian Counties



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

### Amount of scholarship

#### *Fall and Spring semesters*

Full-time students with a minimum of 12 hours per semester	\$750.00
Part-time students with 9-11 hours per semester	\$625.00
Part-time students with 6-8 hours per semester	\$437.50

#### *Summer session*

Students enrolled in summer school	\$250.00
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### Recipients must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Reside in Crawford/Sebastian County, Arkansas
- ◆ Be single head of household with sole custody of children under the age of eighteen (single refers to separated, divorced, widowed, or having never been married)
- ◆ Apply for a Pell Grant and provide a copy of award or denial letter
- ◆ Pursue a career-oriented undergraduate course of study at one of the following approved schools:
  - University of Arkansas – Fort Smith
  - Arkansas Tech University – Ozark or Russellville Campus
  - John Brown University
  - Carl Albert State College
  - Arthur’s Beauty School
  - All other schools pending approval from the scholarship committee
- ◆ Be enrolled for the scholarship term
- ◆ Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0. Alternative grading/certification may be considered for trade school or other types of students
- ◆ Complete an interview with the Single Parent Scholarship committee. An interview will be scheduled with you following the application deadline.
- ◆ Part-time students must take at least 6 credit hours.

To apply for a scholarship applicant **must complete** a scholarship application form, including all required documentation by the application **deadline** for each semester.

### Application Deadlines

**Fall Scholarship August 15**  
**Spring Scholarship December 1**  
**Summer Scholarship May 15**

Applications available at [www.aspsf.org](http://www.aspsf.org)

## Scholarship Checklist

**Fall Application Deadline**

**August 15**

**Spring Application Deadline**

**December 1**

**Summer Application Deadline**

**May 15**

Applications must be completed and received by the deadline to be considered for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship. Any sections left blank on the application will result in disqualification for the scholarship.

- Completed Application
- Verification of Pell Grant Award or Denial Letter
  - *(Applying does not meet the requirement; you **must** have received your award/denial letter)*
- High School Transcript, GED, or Current College Transcript
- Class Schedule or Proof of Enrollment
- Essay -
  - Introduction of self and family
  - Personal, educational, and career goals
  - Community service and/or involvement
  - How you will use the scholarship if awarded?
  - Any information you would like us to know about you
- Copy of your latest electric bill
- Copy of latest tax return
- Copy of divorce decree or legal documents if divorced
  - or legally separated
- Two letters of recommendation from someone that can attest to your work ethic and character. (We prefer that letters come from employers, teachers or leaders from an organization of which you are involved. References must state their relationship to you.
  - Please do not use family members as references.

*If you need assistance completing this application or have questions please call 479- 434-6171 or email [spsf\\_ar@yahoo.com](mailto:spsf_ar@yahoo.com).*

**Application should be mailed to:**

**Single Parent Scholarship Fund**

**P.O. Box 8108**

**Fort Smith, AR 72902-8108**

*Or delivered to SPSF – 5401 Rogers Avenue, Suite 204 (Bank of the Ozarks Building)*

# Application – *New Recipients*



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (For Office Use)

## Personal Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Phone: *Primary* \_\_\_\_\_ *Secondary* \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person who will always know where/how to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

Their relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Their Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have relatives living in the area? \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you: Male Female

Marital Status (Circle One): Single Divorced Legally Separated Widowed

RACE (optional) African American Asian Hispanic Native American White Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Identifying your race may help us to suggest other sources of financial aid.

How long have you been a Crawford or Sebastian County resident? \_\_\_\_\_

Including yourself, how many individuals are dependent on you for financial support? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all the individuals living in your household including yourself.

Name	Relationship to you	M/F	Age	Date of Birth	Does he/she have medical insurance?

## Academic Information

Are you currently enrolled?  Yes  No Where? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your year in school? (Please circle) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Are you enrolled full or part-time?  Full-time (12 or more hours)  Part-time (11 or fewer hours)

If part-time, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

If not currently enrolled will you be a full-time or part-time student during the semester covered by this scholarship?  Full  Part-Time

If part-time, how many hours? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a certificate or degree? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, in what field? \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_ Current G.P.A. (grade point average) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of credit hours needed to complete your program \_\_\_\_\_

Month and year you anticipate graduating \_\_\_\_\_

## Financial Information

Do you receive assistance from relatives or friends in any of the areas listed below? (Check all that apply)

Housing                       Transportation                       Childcare  
 Financial Help                       Other (please list)  
 I do not receive any assistance from relatives or friends.

Are you covered by any health insurance? Yes      No

Are you currently working? Yes      No

If Yes: Number of hours you expect to work per week: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will this be 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

Please list your employers for the past five years beginning with your present or most recent employer.

Name of Employer	Address	Job Title	From – To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list any volunteer work or community activities in which you have participated during the past two years:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for a Crawford or Sebastian County Single Parent Scholarship? Yes No

If Yes: Were you awarded a Single Parent Scholarship? Yes      No

If Yes, please list all semesters. \_\_\_\_\_

For what types of costs do you anticipate using the Single Parent Scholarship?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Tuition and Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Books and Supplies \_\_\_\_\_

## Monthly Income and Expense Statement

### Average Monthly Income

Employment/Work Study      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unemployment Benefits      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disability/ SSI income      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 AFDC                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child Support                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEA (Transitional Employment Asst) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alimony                          \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food Stamps                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security                \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 HUD Rental Assistance      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rehabilitation Benefits      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reserve/Armed Forces      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 VA Benefits                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (list source)            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     **Total**                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Average Monthly Expense

Rent/Mortgage                 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Food/Groceries                \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Utilities                         \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone/Cellular            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical/Dental Costs         \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical/Dental Insurance    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Automobile Payments         \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Automobile Insurance        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Transportation (gas, tires, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Childcare Expenses            \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clothing                         \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Household Goods               \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other Expenses (specify)     \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card/Loan Payments   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     **Total**                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Resources for This Semester

Please list the amounts of each type of financial aid you have received in the recent past or will receive during the next semester. *Do not include anticipated amount from SPSF scholarship.*

	Amt Received Last Semester	Amt. Received Current Semester	Amt. Expected Next Semester
Pell Grant	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
VA Educational Benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Student Loan	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Grants or Scholarships			
(If more than one please note below)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
WAEDA			
(Western Arkansas Employment Agency)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Rehabilitation Services	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other financial Aid:			
(Please Specify)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Additional Assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain the source of your additional assistance: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Agreement

I understand that if I am awarded assistance through the Crawford/ Sebastian Counties Single Parent Scholarship Fund I will abide by the governance of the Single Parent Scholarship for Crawford/Sebastian County for the period of time for which I receive a scholarship.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application, along with any attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand the committee has my permission to verify the information given. If additional information or documentation is requested of me, I will be pleased to furnish it to the committee. I also understand that this application applies for one semester only and I must reapply each semester to be considered for assistance. I understand if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be required to repay any funding received.

I understand the following:

1. Upon submission of my application I will receive notification that my application is complete.  
**I will only receive one notification if I am missing required items.**
2. SPSF-CSC has certain requirements for eligibility that must be met before I may be awarded a scholarship.
3. The status of the program funds and/or eligibility requirements may change without notice.
4. I must meet all eligibility requirements during the semester for which a scholarship is awarded or I will forfeit the scholarship.
5. Not all applicants who meet eligibility requirements may be awarded a scholarship.
6. If I drop out of school for any reason, marry, or move out of Crawford or Sebastian Counties, I lose all rights to remaining awarded funds. I shall be responsible for notifying SPSF-CSC.
7. I understand that dropping classes, in any given semester, below the award amount, may affect current or future scholarship awards. I shall be responsible for notifying SPSF-CSC.
8. Purposely falsifying any information required by SPSF-CSC or making misleading or false statements concerning SPSF-CSC or any agencies dealing with SPSF-CSC will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
9. I understand that the Scholarship Committee decision is final.

If I am not awarded a scholarship or if I should become ineligible to receive a scholarship or any part thereof, I do waive any cause of action that I may have against the SPSF-CSC, its officers, directors, employees or volunteers. I understand that by affixing my signature to this document that SPSF-CSC, its officers, directors, employees or volunteers will not be liable for any loss that I may suffer by reason of not receiving a scholarship.

I have read and understand the above requirements and by my signature do agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date