

Ozark Foothills Single Parent Scholarship Fund

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 twice a year.

Spring and Fall Sessions:	Full-Time Students	\$500
Non-Academic Institutions:	Full-Time Students	\$250

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.**

Criteria

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

1. Resident of Fulton or Sharp County, Arkansas
2. High School or GED graduate
3. Single head of household (single, legally separated, divorced, widowed) with primary physical custody of a child under the age of eighteen (18).
4. Pursuing a career-oriented course of study to ensure a better standard of living for his/her family. Applicants cannot already have earned an undergraduate degree with the exception of those pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching.
5. Low-income person at or below 185% of poverty level.
6. Recipient of a Pell Grant or have applied for a Pell Grant.

Return Application to:

Ozark Foothills Single Parent Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 650, Salem, AR 72576.

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For Office Use Only

Please print in ink or type all information.

Please mark the semester you are applying for:

_____ Spring (Deadline December 1) Year: _____

_____ Fall (Deadline (August 1)

Date Received

By

Personal Information

Full Name _____ SS # _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street Apartment # City Zip Code

Residential Address: _____
Number and Street Apartment # City Zip Code

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Message # (Has this person been notified you will be receiving calls?) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are you Male _____ Female _____? Current Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

How long have you been a Fulton _____ or Sharp _____ County resident? _____

Marital Status (Please Circle One): SINGLE MARRIED DIVORCED SEPARATED WIDOWED

Race (optional): AFRICIAN AMERICAN ASIAN HISPANIC NATIVE AMERICAN WHITE OTHER: _____

Do you have relatives living in the area? YES NO

Name of nearest relative who will always know where/how to reach you: _____

Relationship to you: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Number and Street Apartment # City State Zip Code

Including yourself, how many individuals are dependent on you for financial help or support? _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Children _____

Name Of Dependents	Living with you Yes or No	Male/Female	Current Age	Date of Birth	Does he or she have Med. Insurance? Y/N

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Educational Information

List schools attended or training received. Give names and dates. Identify degree or number of credits earned. (Example: Salem High School, Diploma 1983; GED Ash Flat, 1990; U of A 1999 – 2000, 21 credits).

High School or GED: _____

Trade or Vocational School: _____

College: _____

Military/Other: _____

Are you currently attending college or school: Yes _____ No _____

If Yes: When did you first enroll: _____

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

How many credit hours are you taking this semester? _____

What is your current cumulative grade point average? _____

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

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

When do you expect to graduate? _____

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 a semester covered by this scholarship? _____

Financial Information

Is anyone sharing household expenses with you? YES NO

If Yes: Name _____

Relationship to you _____

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.

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Financial Information (Continued)

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

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 5 years: _____

Have you previously applied for an Ozark Foothills Single Parent Scholarship? YES NO

If Yes: Were you awarded a Single Parent Scholarship? YES NO

If Yes, when? _____

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: _____

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Financial Information (Continued)

Sources of Income

Please list both monthly and annual amounts for each source of income. Column A should include income derived from each source during the PAST 12 months. Column B should include the amounts you expect to derive from each source during the NEXT 12 months. **This section must be filled out completely to be considered for a scholarship.**

Source of Income	Column A (Past 12 months)		Column B (Next 12 Months)	
	Per Month	Per Year	Per Month	Per Year
Friends				
Family				
Employment (Do NOT include work study)				
Child Support				
Reserve Armed Forces				
Unemployment				
Social Security				
Rehabilitation				
HUD Rental Assistance				
TEA Assistance				
Child Care Vouchers				
Food Stamps				
V. A.				
Loan from Family or Friends				
Money to be used from Savings				
Other (Please List)				
Total				

In the space below please include anything else about your financial situation that would be helpful in evaluating your application.

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Additional Requirements

1. Please note that this application must be filled out completely to be considered for a scholarship. If you leave any section blank you will not be considered for a scholarship.
2. In addition to this application form **you must** submit the following supporting documents. Use this checklist to be sure your application packet is complete.

_____ Three letters of reference from people (not related to you) who are familiar with your life experiences and with your character.

_____ A personal statement explaining why you chose this particular course of study and what you hope to achieve. Feel free to include any information about yourself, which might be helpful to the selection committee in its evaluation.

_____ A copy of your high school transcript **and** diploma **or** your GED certificate **and** test scores.

_____ Transcripts from any colleges or schools you have previously attended.

_____ A letter of acceptance/admission from the school of your choice. (Note: if you have a transcript that indicates current enrollment that will be acceptable.)

_____ Estimates of current grades from classes in progress, signed by your professors (if you are attending school now).

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. You must call to schedule your interview when you receive this notice.
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 class schedule for the semester covered by the scholarship and a copy of the final grades from the previous semester (if recipient was in school). To receive a fall scholarship, each recipient must submit an official transcript, which includes grades earned the previous academic year.
5. You must sign and date the release statement below.

RELEASE STATEMENT

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 Ozark Foothills Single Parent Scholarship Fund. I also agree to participate in follow-up research conducted by Ozark Foothills Single Parent Scholarship Fund after I am no longer receiving scholarship awards and hereby give permission to Ozark Foothills Single Parent Scholarship Fund to obtain enrollment and graduation information from my school as is needed for their subsequent reports.

Signature of Applicant

Date