

# SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF PRAIRIE COUNTY

# 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 that 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 Sessions	Full Time Students	\$750
Summer Sessions/Part Time	Students with a minimum of 6 Hours per Session	\$375

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 Prairie County, Arkansas.
2. High school or GED graduate.
3. Single head of household (single, legally separated, divorced, and widowed) with primary custodial care of one or more children under the age of 18.
4. Pursuing a career-oriented course of study (full time) 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 Masters of Arts in Teaching.
5. Low-income person at or near the poverty level.
6. Recipient of a Pell Grant or in the process of obtaining a Pell Grant.
7. Returning applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA.



**B. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

1. List schools attended or training received. Give names and dates. Identify degree or number of credits earned. (Example: Hazen High School, Diploma 1975; GED Lonoke 1980; ASU 1976-77, 21 credits).

High School or GED: \_\_\_\_\_

Trade or Vocational School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Military/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you currently attending college or school? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If YES: How many credit hours have you completed toward your degree/diploma? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What college or school do you now attend or plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What course of study (major) do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

5. When do you expect to graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Will you be a full-time or part-time student? Full \_\_\_\_\_ Part \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many credit hours do you now take or plan to take? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1. What are your average monthly expenses? (Please list dollar amount)

Housing \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Utilities (electric, gas, phone, water) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Food \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation (gas, tires, maintenance) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance coverage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loan payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly payments \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing, household goods \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medical costs (check-ups, dentist, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Child care \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other expenses (please list) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you covered by any health or medical insurance? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
3. Will you be working for income while you go to school? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If YES, how many hours each week will you work? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list sources of income in \$ figures in column A if you derived income from that source in the LAST 12 months. In Column B, list the \$ amount of sources of income that you will derive income from in the NEXT 12 months. **If Column B is not completed, we cannot process your application.** PLEASE INCLUDE ALL SOURCES SUCH AS FOOD STAMPS, HUD, OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC.

Source of Income	Column A (Past 12 Months)		Column B (Next 12 Months)	
	Per Month	Per Year	Per Month	Per Year
Friends				
Family				
Employment				
Work Study				
Reserve Armed Forces				
Unemployment				
Social Security				
Rehabilitation				
HUD Rental Assistance				
TEA Assistance				
Child Support				
Food Stamps				
V.A.				
Loans				
Scholarships				
Pell Grant				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Other Grants or sources of income (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR **PAST 12 MONTHS**: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR **NEXT 12 MONTHS**: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(OPTIONAL) Please include anything else about your financial situation that would be helpful in evaluating your application in the space provided. \_\_\_\_\_

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- 5. Have you applied for a Pell Grant? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you been granted a Pell Grant? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you know the amount of the Grant? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
- If YES, give amount (per semester) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- If NO, you may apply on-line at [http:// www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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

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7. 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

If you have not been employed outside the home, list some of your major home and community activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS** (Incomplete applications will not be considered)

- 1. Please have **three** people (not related to you) send **signed** letters of reference to the Scholarship Committee. They should be familiar with your life experiences and with your character.
- 2. Please attach 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 that might be helpful to the Selection Committee in its evaluation.
- 3. Please attach a **copy of your high school diploma (or GED certificate and test scores) or most recent college transcript** to this application. Also, please provide **proof of enrollment**.

You must sign and date the release statement below.

**VERIFICATION**

**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 Prairie County.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date