

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

**MARY SALLEE SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
OF RANDOLPH COUNTY**

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted:
Fall Semester – by September 15
Spring Semester – by February 15
Summer I Term – by June 15
Summer II Term – by July 15

PURPOSE: To provide supplemental financial assistance (up to \$500 per semester, \$250 per summer term) to those single parents who are at their income-earning potential. Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, utility bills, car maintenance, childcare, etc.

Applicants may re-apply for scholarship assistance each semester of study, but preference will be given to those beginning their academic careers. In general, we have many more applicants than we have scholarship money available

- CRITERIA:** Single parents selected for financial assistance will meet the following criteria:
- ✓ Resident of Randolph County, Arkansas
 - ✓ High school graduate or equivalent (may apply if enrolled in college and in process of obtaining GED diploma)
 - ✓ Single head of household (single, legally separated, divorced, or widowed)
 - ✓ Pursuing an undergraduate course of study in a college or university (full-time or part-time) to ensure a better standard of living for his/her family. **Applicants cannot already have earned an undergraduate degree.**
 - ✓ Low-income person at or near the poverty level
 - ✓ Recipient of a Pell Grant or in process of obtaining same

APPLICANTS: Each applicant must submit each of the following on or by the application deadline:

✓	<u>DOCUMENTS YOU MUST INCLUDE:</u>
	Attached <u>application</u> filled out in ink or type
	<u>Verification of enrollment</u> /acceptance (see question #23) This is a copy of your current class schedule
	<u>Transcript</u> of high school or college work (whichever is more recent.) <i>If you are applying for the coming semester and are enrolled in college currently, please submit a list of the grades you are carrying, preferably signed by each instructor, at the time you submit this application.</i>
	Three (3) <u>letters of recommendation</u> from people who are familiar with your character and goals. (Please <u>do not use relatives</u> as references.) <i>First time applicant's only, unless there is a major change in your goals.</i>
	A <u>personal statement</u> explaining the course of study you have selected, why you chose this particular course of study, and what you hope to achieve. Include any information about yourself which might be helpful to the Selection Committee in its evaluation.

Applications submitted without the required documents will be considered INCOMPLETE and ineligible for the scholarship.

MARY SALLEE SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF RANDOLPH COUNTY APPLICATION

Name of Applicant			
Date of Application		Semester	

APPLICANT MUST BE: A resident of Randolph County, Arkansas
 A high school graduate (or equivalent)
 A single head-of-household, legally separated, divorced, or widowed

Personal Information

1	Name				SSN						
2	Mailing Address										
	City or Nearest Community										
3	Home Phone				Business Phone						
	<i>If you have no home phone, where can you be reached to receive a message within 24 hours?</i>										
4	Age				Date of Birth						
5	How long have you been a Randolph County resident?										
6	Marital Status: (Check appropriate category:										
	Single		Married		Divorced		Legally Separated		Widowed		
7	Including yourself, how many individuals are dependent on you for financial help or support?										
8	Please list the ages of your children:										
9	Is anyone else sharing your household expenses with you?				YES		NO				
10	Do you have relatives living in the area?				YES		NO				
	If yes, what assistance do they provide? (Check all types of assistance provided)										
	Housing		Transportation		Childcare		Financial Help		Other		None

Financial Information:

11	Are you covered by any health or medical insurance?	YES		NO	
12	Will you be working for income while you go to school?	YES		NO	
	If yes, how many hours each week will you work?				
13	What was your total household income for the past 12 months?				
14	What will be your total anticipated income each month once you enter the upcoming school term?				

15	Please list sources of income in dollar (\$) figures in Column A if you received income from that source in the last 12 months. In Column B list the dollar (\$) amount you will receive income from once you begin the school term.	COLUMN A Amount of yearly income received last year (during the last twelve months)		COLUMN B Amount of yearly income expected from source(s) next year (during the next twelve months)	
		\$ per month	\$ per year	\$ per month	\$ per year
Friends					
Family					
Employment					
Work Study					
Reserved Armed Forces					
Unemployment Benefits					
Social Security					
Rehabilitation					
HUD Rental Assistance					
TEA					
Child Support					
Food Stamps					
Loans					
VA					
State Scholarships					
Grants					
Pell Grant					
Other (please list)					

16	What are you average monthly expenses? (Please list dollar (\$) amount)					
Housing	<i>Do you receive HUD assistance?</i>	YES		NO		\$
Utilities (<i>electric, gas, phone, water</i>)						\$
Food	<i>Do you receive Food Stamps?</i>	YES		NO		\$
Transportation (<i>gas, tires, maintenance</i>)						\$
Insurance coverage						\$
Loan payments						\$
Monthly payments						\$

Expenses continued:	
Clothing, household goods	\$
Medical costs (check-ups, dentist, etc.)	\$
Childcare	\$
Other expenses (please list below)	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

17	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 Pell Grant?	YES		NO	
	Please indicate the amount of the Pell Grant per semester				

18	Have you previously applied for this Single Parent Scholarship?	YES		NO	
	Were you awarded this Single Parent Scholarship?	YES		NO	
	What was/were the dates of the scholarship award?	Year		Semester	
		Year		Semester	
		Year		Semester	

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

20	Please list your employers for the past five (5) years beginning with your present or most recent employer:			
	Name of Employer	Address	Job Title	From / To

21	If you have not been employed outside the home, list your major home and community activities for the past five years. (NOTE: See question #30 for other information concerning your financial situation)	

22	List schools attended or training received. Give names and dates. (Example: Pocahontas High School, Diploma, 1964; GED, Pocahontas, 1980)	
	High School or GED	
	Trade or Vocational School	
	College	
	Military	

23	What institution will you attend?			
24	What vocational course of study do you plan to carry?			
25	When do you expect to graduate?			
26	If you are a college student, how many hours do you plan to carry?			
27	Will you be a full-time or part-time student?	Full-time		Part-time
28	Do you plan to remain in Randolph County after you have completed your schooling?	Yes		No
29	Please have three (3) people (who are familiar with your life experiences and character) send letters of reference to the Scholarship Committee (address below) by the application deadline.			
30	Please attach a personal statement explaining the course of study you have selected, 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.			
31	Please attach a transcript of high school, GED, or college record to this application.			

_____ Applicant's Signature _____ Date

If selected as a recipient, may we use your name for publicity purposes? Yes _____ No _____

If "no," may we use a description of you without your name if you are selected? Yes _____ No _____

Answering "no" to either of the above will not affect your chances of being awarded a scholarship.

APPLICATION FORM AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING ATTACHMENTS ARE TO BE MAILED TO:

**Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship Committee
c/o Vickie French
Black River Technical College
P.O. Box 468
Pocahontas, AR 72455**

(PLEASE, DO NOT MAKE PERSONAL PHONE CALLS INQUIRING ABOUT THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION. WE WILL NOTIFY YOU BY MAIL IF WE NEED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS)

Fact Sheet
Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship Program

WHAT is the Mary Sallee Single Parent Scholarship Program?

It is a Randolph County organization designed to provide scholarships to eligible men and women who wish to further their education at a two-year or four-year college. As an affiliate of the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund, the local program has the opportunity to receive up to \$10,000 annually in matching funds.

WHO is eligible?

- A resident of Randolph County pursuing or planning to pursue an undergraduate course of study in a college or university
- A single parent with sole custody of a minor child
- Income eligible (flexible requirements)

WHERE may an interested student apply?

Applications may be picked up at Black River Technical College, Williams Baptist College, or Arkansas State University.

WHEN may students apply?

Applications must be submitted:

- Fall Semester – by September 15
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WHY do we need a Single Parent Scholarship program?

Currently, 20% of Randolph County residents live in poverty. Many of these people are in single-parent households. Just as the late Mary Sallee advocated, we believe that education is the surest route to a fulfilling and productive life of independence. Your tax-deductible contributions will help us to help local men and women who need encouragement and assistance in completing their education in preparation for well-paying employment.

Send your tax-deductible contributions to

Black River Technical College Foundation
P.O. Box 468
Pocahontas, AR 72455