

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Union County
Guidelines and Application Information
*The mission of the Single Parent Scholarship Fund is to enable single parents
to attain self-sufficiency through post-secondary education.*

A. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants selected to receive the Single Parent Scholarship will meet the following requirements:

1. Have custody of and be responsible for daily care of dependent children under the age of 18;
2. Be a single head of household residing in Union County, AR;
3. Be a high school graduate or in the process of earning a GED diploma. (Applicants preparing for the GED exam have the opportunity to receive the scholarship to pay for GED books.)
4. Priority will be given to full-time students who are enrolled in or have been accepted by a public or private non-profit post-secondary institution in a program providing marketable skills to achieve self-sufficiency and a better standard while residing in Union County.
5. Be a recipient of or applying for a Pell Grant (and other potential sources of financial aid)*; and
6. For continued eligibility for the Scholarship, recipients must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester. Priority will be given to past SPSF recipients who maintain eligibility.

B. Instructions

Board Members interview scholarship candidates each term. Applicants must provide and/or authorize SPSF to review the following information on/by the application deadline:

1. Completed application form (printed or typed); with a statement of the applicant's goals, chosen program of study, and why the scholarship is needed, as well as any other appropriate information that may be helpful to the Board in selecting recipients (1-2 pages, maximum);
2. Proof of completed admissions file, including all appropriate transcripts, or proof of enrollment (class schedule receipt)*;
3. College transcript or grades documenting 2.5 GPA achieved in prior term*;
4. (For initial application only), three letters of recommendation (from work, college, or personal sources);
5. Proof of income and resources (ex.: tax returns, letter from employer, print-out from the local DHS office verifying federal assistance; last three consecutive pay stubs, etc.)*

*The signature on the application authorizes SPSF Board Members to access past and current academic and financial aid records.

C. Priority Deadlines

Term	Deadline
Fall	September 1
Spring	February 1
Summer (if funds are available)	June 1

Submit Scholarship Applications to:
SPSF of Union County
c/o South Arkansas Community College, Financial Aid Office
300 S. West Avenue, El Dorado, AR 71730

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