



Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pulaski County 2019-2020 Scholarship Application Packet

About our scholarship

- SPSF is a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization. SPSF funding is made possible through the generosity of individuals, private foundations, and corporate donors.
- Applicants who are selected as SPSF scholars will be eligible to receive **up to \$1,000 each semester** in which they are enrolled (fall, spring, summer) for a total of **up to \$3,000 per academic year**. Funds may be used for tuition, textbooks, rent, mortgage, utilities, transportation, medical, groceries, diapers, childcare, etc.
- In addition to the funding awarded, SPSF scholars participate in a mentoring program and a minimum of one workshop or activity per semester.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of Pulaski County. (If you do not live in Pulaski County and you are interested in affiliates associated with other counties - please go to: <http://aspsf.org/scholarships/find-your-county/>)
- Must be the primary custodial parent of at least one child under the age of 18 (or enrolled in grades k-12) at the start of the academic year and caring for the child (ren) without the assistance of another parent in the home. Exceptions may be granted if the dependent child is disabled.
- Part-time Scholarship: must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours and already have earned 30 or more hours to be eligible for a part-time scholarship. Part-time students will be funded for a maximum of 8 years.
- Full-time scholarship: must take a minimum of 12 credit hours to be eligible for a full-time scholarship unless in an approved full-time nursing program where they are in good standing.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Must not already hold a Bachelor's degree. Applicants who hold a professional certification or an associate's degree will only be considered eligible if they are pursuing a degree at the next level.
- Must be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant.
- Applicants must be living at or near the poverty level (within 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines) and submit proof of financial need (most recent federal tax return).
- Applicants must attend one of our partner schools:

Arkansas Baptist College
ASU Beebe (LRAFB campus only)
Baptist Health College
Harding University (North Little Rock campus only)
John Brown University (Little Rock campus only)
Park University (LRAFB campus only)
Philander Smith College
Pulaski Technical College
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (North Little Rock campus only)
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Shorter College

Application and required documents check-list:

- Completed application:** Fill out application in its entirety. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Personal narrative:** a minimum of 500 words about your life experiences and personal and educational goals.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation:** Two of the letters must be from a professional or academic reference commenting on the applicant's character, need for financial support and probable success in the chosen program of study. All letters should be typed and signed in ink by the person writing the letter.
- College transcript:** Transcript can be an unofficial copy and must also contain fall 2018 final grades.
- Copy of applicant's fall 2019 class schedule**
- 2018 federal tax return:** MUST show claimed dependents or an explanation provided if no dependents claimed.
- 2019-20 Student Aid Report (SAR):** Copy from your FAFSA found at www.fafsa.gov.

Additional information

- Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you are unable to provide a requested document, please provide an explanation that explains why it is not included.
- Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.
- SPSF board members, SPSF staff members and their immediate relatives are ineligible to receive and will not knowingly be awarded a Single Parent Scholarship.

Applications and supporting documents must be received or postmarked by
Friday, May 31, 2019

To submit your application, please mail or deliver to:

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pulaski County
200 River Market Avenue, Suite 100
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201



Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pulaski County 2019-2020 Scholarship Application

Applications and supporting documents must be received or postmarked on or before May 31, 2019.

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: **AR** Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Work #: _____ Cell# _____

Email address: _____

Marital status: _____

Are you the primary custodial parent of at least one child under the age of 18 (or enrolled in grades k-12) and living in a single parent household? _____

Number of children living in your household: _____

Please list all people living in your household (including yourself):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Relationship to you</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Academic Status

What school will you attend fall 2019: _____

Major: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

What will be your enrollment status for the fall semester? Full-time Part-time

Number of semester hours in which you will be enrolled during the fall semester: _____

Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Current GPA: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Education

Please list the names, dates of attendance, and level of training received:

NAME OF SCHOOL	DATES ATTENDED	GRADUATED	DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE
EXAMPLE: Mills High School	1989-1991	Yes	Yes

Employment

Please list your current or most recent employer:

Employer and job title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Number of hours per week: _____

Dates of employment: From _____ to _____

Will you continue to work during the semester? _____ Number of hours per week _____

Will you have an internship, fieldwork, or clinical hours for the fall semester? Yes No

Financial Status

Have you ever received a scholarship from this organization? _____ If yes, when? _____

Have you completed the 2019-20 FAFSA application? Yes No

Have you completed the 2019-20 Arkansas YOUiversal scholarship application? Yes No

Have you applied for other financial aid or scholarships? If so, please list them here:

Budget and Financial Need Summary

Monthly Income & Expenses

Income Column	Estimated Amount (monthly)	Expense Column	Estimated Amount (monthly)
Earned Wages		Rent/mortgage	
Child support		Electricity	
SNAP benefits		Gas	
Housing assistance		Cable/satellite	
Childcare assistance		Phone	
Family contributions		Water	
Other		Food	
		Childcare	
		Medical/dental	
		Clothing	
		Transportation	
		Car Insurance	
		Health/dental insurance	
		Credit cards	
		Other (please explain)	
TOTAL INCOME:		TOTAL EXPENSES:	

Estimated Semester Awards Package and Expenses

Estimated Financial Aid	Per semester	Estimated School Expenses	Per semester
Financial Aid Award Package		Estimated tuition and fees	
Scholarships		Estimated books and supplies	
Other assistance (please explain)		Other costs (please explain)	
TOTAL Estimated Financial Aid:		TOTAL Estimated School Costs:	

Memorandum of Understanding & Scholarship Application Verification

SPSF is a private, non-profit organization founded on the principle of providing scholarship funding and support services to high potential, low-income single parents in Pulaski County.

I understand the following

- I am the primary custodial parent of at least one child under the age of 18 (or enrolled in grades k-12) and caring for the child(ren) without the assistance of another parent in the home.
- I must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA cumulative GPA.
- I must live in Pulaski County and attend a SPSF-partner college or university.
- I must be enrolled and taking required courses toward degree completion.
- I must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy of my school.
- Not all applicants who meet eligibility requirements will be awarded a scholarship.
- The status of program funds and/or eligibility may change without notice.

I understand that, by affixing my signature to this document, that SPSF, its officers, directors, employees or volunteers will not be liable for any loss that I may suffer by reason or not receiving a scholarship.

I promise that the information provided on this application and supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that there is no guarantee that any scholarship will be awarded and that any material misrepresentation or deliberate omission of information on my application or in the interview may be justification for denial of or termination of scholarship assistance by the Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pulaski County.

X

Applicant Signature

Date

Release of Information & FERPA Authorization

I understand that SPSF is required to verify information provided to determine continuing eligibility of assistance. I allow SPSF access to my educational and financial records. I also authorize SPSF to utilize information I have provided in my application for the purposes of reporting, donor and public relations and general publicity. I further understand that I can revoke this authorization at any time by notifying the SPSF Office in writing.

X

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Printed Name

School

Student ID#

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