

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Union County Guidelines and Application Information

A. Eligibility Requirements:

1. You live in Union County, Arkansas
2. You meet the following definition of "single parent" (all 3 categories)
 - a. **Marital status:**
 - i. You're single (never married, widowed, divorced, legally separated*), or
 - ii. You're married but living apart and your divorce will be final by the time the scholarship is awarded*
 - b. **Parenting status:**
 - i. You're the custodial parent or guardian with physical custody (50% or more) of at least one dependent child. A dependent child is:
 1. 18 or younger, or
 2. older than 18 and still in high school, or
 3. a severely disabled adult living with and dependent on you*
 - c. **Living status:**
 - i. You're the only adult in the home with the child(ren), or
 - ii. You live with parents or relative(s), or
 - iii. You live with a roommate who is not your partner (significant other) or a co-parent*
3. You're a legal resident of the United States (or a resident with DACA status).
4. You've earned a high school diploma or GED.
5. You've not previously earned a Bachelor's degree.
6. You have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.
7. Your household income is typically not more than 250% of **Federal Poverty Guidelines**.
8. You've completed or are in the process of completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** (not required for DACA students or those in an approved short-term training program).
9. You're attending or planning to attend an ASPSF approved school or training program.
10. You're pursuing a degree or certification that leads to employment at family-supporting wages.
11. Attend an interview with the SPSF Board.

B. Instructions

Applicants must provide the following:

1. Completed application form (on Page 2)**;
2. Personal statement that includes goals, chosen program of study and information about you and your family/child(ren), as well as any other appropriate information that may be helpful to the Board in selecting recipients (1-2 pages, maximum)**;
3. Proof of enrollment (class schedule receipt)**;
4. High School or College transcript documenting 2.0 GPA**; (**Official transcripts from all post-secondary schools you have attended including your most recent term—New Applicants only**).
5. (**If this is your first time applying**), Three letters of recommendation**;
6. Proof of financial aid eligibility or denial**.
7. Proof of income: Tax return (first page of most recent year). If you are exempt from filing a tax return, submit proof of income statement from the Department of Human Services. Other income verification may be considered if these documents do not apply to your situation.
8. Marital status: (**New applicants**) provide one of the following: divorce decree, legal separation order, spouse's death certificate, or a statement that you have never been married.

*You'll be asked to explain your circumstances and may be asked for additional documentation.

**Your signature on the application authorizes SPSF Board Members to access & review all documents in this application packet.

Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Union County Application

Date _____

ID/SSN _____ Name: _____

Your Date of Birth: _____ email: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Other Phone #: _____

of Dependent Children _____ Name(s) & Age(s) _____

Total # living in your household: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

College attending: _____ Program of Study/Major: _____

Term & Year for which you are applying: Fall 2017 _____ Spring 2018 _____ Summer 2018 _____

List ALL sources of income:

I certify that all information in this application packet is true. I authorize the Single Parent Scholarship Fund Board of Union County to review and verify all documents included with this application packet.

Your Signature

Term

Fall

Spring

Summer (if funds are available)

Deadline

June 15 (priority consideration for continuing applicants)

July 15 (all applicants)

September 15 (late applicants)

November 15 (priority consideration for continuing applicants)

January 15 (all applicants)

March 15 (late applicants, 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