



SCHOLARS FUND FOR EDUCATION

POPE & YELL COUNTY

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE APPLICATION

The Scholars Fund provides supplemental financial assistance to single parents pursuing a course of instruction with the goal of completing their education to improve their income-earning potential. Funds can be utilized for various needs such as books, tuition, childcare, utility bills, and car maintenance. Funds are made possible by private and corporate donations.

Financial assistance is granted during fall and spring terms and is eligible for renewal in subsequent semesters. Undergraduate recipients must maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher, while graduate recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and both must continue to meet eligibility criteria.

UNDERGRADUATE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Enrolled at an institutionally accredited institution, having completed 12 or more earned college hours, and does not hold a bachelor's degree
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Single head of household (unmarried, legally separated, divorced, or widowed), with a child under 18 in the home, either in joint or full custody
- Current resident of Pope or Yell county, Arkansas
- Income must be within 150% of the poverty guidelines. Refer to [Income Guidelines: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html)

GRADUATE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

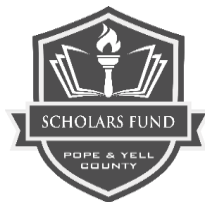
- Enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours at an institutionally accredited institution
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Single head of household (unmarried, legally separated, divorced, or widowed), with a child under 18 in the home, either in joint or full custody
- Current resident of Pope or Yell county, Arkansas
- Income must be within 150% of the poverty guidelines. Refer to [Income Guidelines: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/trio/incomelevels.html)

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1) Download/Save application before entering information. Proofread.
- 2) Collect required documents and save as .pdf
- 3) Email your application with required documents to info@scholarsfunded.org

SEMESTER DEADLINES: Jan 31 Spring | Aug 31 Fall

QUESTIONS: Email us at info@scholarsfunded.org



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application: _____ Application Term (Spring or Fall) and Year: _____

Name: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Current Age: _____ Female _____ Male _____

Mailing Address: _____

Residential Address: _____

County of Residence: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Marital Status: ___Single ___Divorced ___Separated ___Widowed

Including yourself, how many individuals depend on you for financial assistance or support? _____

List all dependents and individuals currently residing in your household:

Name	Relationship	Male/Female	D.O.B.

Academic Information

Are you applying as an Undergraduate or a Graduate? _____

Name of current college or trade school enrollment: _____

How many credit hours have you completed? _____

Current cumulative GPA? _____

Intended major? _____

Expected graduation date (mo/yr)? _____

Post-graduation goals? _____

How many credit hours will you take during the semester covered by this award? _____

Financial Information

Will you be working for income while you go to school? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how many hours each week will you work? _____

Is this a work-study position? Yes _____ No _____

Have you previously applied for assistance from Scholars Fund? If yes, were you awarded?

If awarded, how will you use the funds? _____

Required Supporting Documents Checklist

NEW STUDENTS

_____ **1) Proof of Enrollment**

Obtained from your institution's registrar office.

_____ **2) Current Official College Transcript**

Obtained from your institution's registrar office after final semester grades have posted.

_____ **3) Proof of Dependents and Income**

Submit a copy of the first page of your most recent federal tax return listing dependents and income. If exempt from filing a tax return, submit a [Verification of Nonfiling Letter from the IRS website](#).

_____ **4) Award Agreement, signed** (located on next page)

_____ **5) At least One Letter of Reference, signed, and with complete contact information**

Obtained from individuals not related to you, familiar with your life experiences and character. Must be signed and include complete contact information.

_____ **6) Personal Essay, signed**

Introduce yourself and your family. Explain why you chose this course of study and your aspirations. Feel free to include any information helpful to the Selection Committee. Minimum 1-page, double-spaced.

_____ **7) Copy of your valid (unexpired) Photo ID**

Mandatory for all first-time applicants. International students must submit a green card indicating legal residency status and expiration date.

RETURNING STUDENTS

_____ **1) Proof of Enrollment**

Obtained from your institution's registrar office.

_____ **2) Current Official College Transcript**

Obtained from your institution's registrar office after final semester grades have posted.

_____ **3) Proof of Dependents and Income**

Submit a copy of the first page of your most recent federal tax return listing dependents and income. If exempt from filing a tax return, submit a [Verification of Nonfiling Letter from the IRS website](#)

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Scholars Fund for Education Award Agreement

By accepting assistance from the Scholars Fund for Education (SFE), I commit to adhering to the organization's governance throughout the assistance period. I certify the accuracy of the information in my application and attachments, granting permission for verification.

1. I understand and agree to the following:
 - Program funds or eligibility requirements may change without notice.
 - The Selection Committee's decision is final.
 - Meeting all eligibility requirements during the awarded semester is crucial; failure results in fund forfeiture.
 - Purposefully providing false information may result in repaying funds and immediate dismissal.
2. Recipients must reapply each semester.
3. New applicants must participate in an informal interview.
4. Dropping classes below the award amount requires notification to SFE.
5. I consent to post-assistance research by SFE on my education and economic status.
6. I permit the release of academic and financial information to SFE upon request.

I confirm my understanding and agreement by my signature.

Applicant Printed Name

Applicant Signature

Date