



# *Rural American Scholarship Fund*

## **GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION**

Read this information thoroughly and follow all directions completely. In the past, 40 percent of all applications were rejected because the applicant did not follow directions. Ours is not a broad-based scholarship, but rather a focused one, so please ensure that you meet our specific guidelines. RASF was established for those individuals from rural communities who have spent time in the workforce, who now realize they need a college education for advancement and who are pursuing coursework toward an undergraduate degree. ***This application is for the University at which it was found and is non-transferable.***

The Rural American Scholarship Fund (RASf) is offering scholarships of \$1,500 to \$5,000\* to individuals who:

- Missed the opportunity to attend college upon completion of high school. This includes two-year colleges.
- Will have reached the age of 23 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the current academic year.
- Will have earned at least 90 credits or an AA degree prior to September 1 with a GPA of 2.8 or better (exceptions may occasionally be made);
- Currently reside in, or hail from, a rural community in the United States;
- Are legal residents of the state in which they will attend college (or are on a reciprocal agreement with another institution);
- Are enrolled in the university full time.

Mail your completed application (1<sup>st</sup> class postage) along with the required documentation in an 8.5" x 11" (or larger) manila envelope. Do not fold or staple. Make sure your application is complete. Please do not enclose extra or extraneous material. Partial or incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications postmarked by March 1 will qualify for consideration for the fall award cycle.

The selection process consists of a preliminary screening. If qualified, we will contact you to schedule an interview to assist us in assessing need, motivation, commitment and performance. If selected to receive an award, you will receive a letter within 30 days of your selection, indicating the amount of the award. First time awards are generally \$1,500. Decisions of the RASF board are final.

Continued support beyond one academic year is possible, and will be based on the recipient's attainment of stated goals and our receipt of a renewal application by March 1st.

Scholarship awards are based on the following priority: 1) First time degree seekers; 2) RASF recipients who need a fifth year to complete their degree; and 3) Masters degree candidates.

**Mail completed application to: RASF, P.O. Box 2674, Oak Harbor, WA 98277-2674.**

# Rural American Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(home phone) (cell phone)

Attach Photo Here  
(not required if renewal)

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_

As of date

Credits earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Current/Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Earned Income from 1040: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Current student loans: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other financial obligations: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

Previous RASF Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

## Along with this application we require:

- Copies of all transcripts
- Your current tax return
- Current SAR/FAFSA (student loan information)
- A succinct, hand-written autobiography. (Describe yourself, how your experiences have shaped who you are, you hopes and dreams for the future.) Describe your proposed field of study and how you plan to use the knowledge and skills you acquire through your education. Explain what it means to be from a "rural" America and why you believe you qualify for this scholarship.

I agree that \_\_\_\_\_ may release to RASF information regarding grades and financial status.  
(school)

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(signature)

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(date)