

Returning Student Scholarship Application

**If you have earned a prior Bachelors degree, you are not eligible for this scholarship.
APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.
If you leave any section blank you will not be considered for a scholarship.**

What semester are you applying for? Spring Fall

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of ASPIRE is to provide supplemental financial assistance to those single parents who are pursuing a course of instruction which will improve their income-earning potential. Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, utility bills, car maintenance, childcare or any other financial need that contributes to the recipient's success in school.

Amount of Scholarship

Single Parent Scholarships are distributed two times a year:

Spring \$500 (full time)	Fall \$500 (full time)
\$250 (part time)	\$250 (part time)

Applicants may reapply for each semester they are attending school but they must fill out a renewal application for each semester a scholarship is sought.

Deadlines

Spring Session: October 31 Fall Session: June 30

Criteria

Single parents selected for financial assistance will meet the following criteria:

1. Resident of Creek, Okmulgee, Osage, Rogers, Tulsa or Wagoner county.
2. High School or GED graduate.
3. Single head of household (single, legally separated, divorced, widowed) and not co-habiting with ex-spouse, current spouse or partner; with sole custody of one or more children under the age of 21.
4. Pursuing a career-oriented course of study to ensure a better standard of living for his/her family.
Applicants cannot already have earned an undergraduate degree.
5. Low income person at or near the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) Income Guidelines poverty level.
6. Recipient of a Pell Grant or in the process of applying for a Pell Grant.

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Date of Application

Personal Information

First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Sex M F Date of Birth (mm/dd/yr) SSN

Martial Status Single Married Divorced
 Legally Separated Widowed Spouse KIA

Race (Optional) Native American Hispanic Asian
 African American Caucasian Other

Mailing Address

Street _____ Apartment# _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
 Email - school _____

Residential Address

Street _____ Apartment#City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____
 Email - personal _____

Telephones
 Cell Home

Work Message

Including yourself, how many individuals are dependent on you for financial help or support?

Do you anticipate any change in Personal Information in the future, e.g., getting married, change in residence, child custody, ect.? Yes No

If yes, please explain _____

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Educational information

Are you currently attending college or school full-time? Yes No

If yes, how many credit hours are you taking this semester? _____

What college or school do you now attend or plan to attend? _____

What is your course of study (major)? _____

When do you expect to graduate? _____

What is your cumulative GPA? _____

How are you doing in school? Please give us a status report at this time (courses taken and grades at this time). _____

Financial Information

Did you receive an ASPIRE scholarship for the current semester? Yes No

If no, when did you receive an ASPIRE scholarship? _____

What are your anticipated school expenses for the semester in which you are applying?

Tuition and Fees: \$ _____ Books and Supplies: \$ _____

Have your monthly income or expenses changed since you last applied? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you anticipate any change in Financial Information in the future? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Are you Pell-eligible? Yes No

Has your Pell-eligibility changed? Yes No

For what types of expenses do you anticipate using the ASPIRE scholarship? _____

What was your total household income for the past 12 months? _____

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Additional Requirements

RENEWAL APPLICANTS must submit the following supporting documents in addition to this application.

1. An official transcript. (Fall Scholarships Only)
2. Upon submission of your application you will receive notification if your application packet is complete. You will only receive one notice if you are missing required items.

ALL APPLICANTS will be subject to the following:

1. After the submission deadline, applications will be screened for eligibility. Those applicants eligible for a scholarship will receive an invitation to a personal interview. You will receive a notice telling you the days and times interviews will be conducted. You must call to schedule your interview when you receive this notice.
2. After the interviews, applicants will receive written notification advising them whether they have been awarded a scholarship. If awarded, the letter will specify the date scholarship money will be distributed and the procedure to follow to receive your check. Prior to check distribution each recipient must submit a class schedule for the semester covered by the scholarship and a copy of final grades from the previous semester (if in school). Checks will be distributed twice during the semester. The first check will be sent at the beginning of the semester followed by the remaining funds after midterm grades have been turned in. To receive a fall scholarship, each recipient must submit an official transcript. A copy of your tax returns must be submitted each spring to qualify.
3. You **must** sign and date the Memorandum of Understanding.

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The following is **OPTIONAL** but your assistance in these areas increases the ability of ASPIRE to publicize our efforts and to raise money. Please check yes or no to each item and sign at the bottom of the page. Thank you!

I hereby give ASPIRE permission to use information about my background, experiences and academic accomplishments in promotional materials.

Yes, with my name Yes, but only anonymously No

I will be willing to assist ASPIRE by speaking at civic clubs, churches, or other engagements in which members of the community want to learn about the activities of ASPIRE.

Yes No

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Submit completed application and attachments to:

**ASPIRE of Green Country Oklahoma
PO Box 35602
Tulsa, OK 74135
Phone 918.586.5696**

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I understand that if I am awarded assistance through ASPIRE, I will abide by the governance of the program for this period of time for which I receive a scholarship.

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application, along with my attachments, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand ASPIRE has my permission to verify the information given. If additional information or documentation is requested of me, I will be pleased to furnish it.

I also understand the following:

1. This application applies for one semester only and I must reapply each semester to be considered for assistance.
2. Not all applicants who meet eligibility requirements may be awarded a scholarship.
3. If I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be required to repay any funding received.
4. I must meet all eligibility requirements during the semester for which a scholarship is awarded or I will forfeit the scholarship.
5. If I drop out of school for any reason, marry, or move out of the state where my application was made, I lose all rights to remaining awarded funds. I shall be responsible for notifying ASPIRE.
6. Dropping classes, in any given semester, below the required hours, may affect current or future scholarship awards. I shall be responsible for notifying ASPIRE.
7. Purposely falsifying any information required by ASPIRE or making misleading or false statements concerning ASPIRE will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
8. I will be required to submit an official transcript each fall and my personal tax returns each spring that I am applying for a scholarship.
9. The status of the program funds and/or eligibility requirements may change without notice.
10. I understand that if I miss an interview appointment, I may become ineligible to receive a scholarship.
11. I understand that ASPIRE's decision is final.

If I am not awarded a scholarship or if I should become ineligible to receive a scholarship or any part thereof, I do waive any cause of action that I may have against ASPIRE, its officers, directors, employees or volunteers. I understand that by affixing my signature to this document that ASPIRE, its officers, directors, employees or volunteers will not be liable for any loss that I may suffer by reason of not receiving a scholarship.

I have read and understand the above requirements and by my signature do agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date

I hereby give permission for all information related to my academic record and my financial assistance to be released, upon request, to ASPIRE. I have read and understand the above requirements and by my signature do agree to abide by them. I agree to participate in follow-up research by ASPIRE after I am no longer receiving scholarships to obtain information about my education and economic status.

Applicant's Name (please print)

Applicant's Signature

Date