Rural American Scholarship Fund (RASF)  
Guidelines and Information

Read this information thoroughly and follow all directions completely. In the past, 40% of all applications were rejected because the applicant did not follow directions.

Note: The instructions for this application are unique and must be followed precisely for your submission to be considered. Please contact Mary Ann Murphy, Development Director, EWU Foundation, for assistance: (509) 359-6703 (o); (509) 435-3588 (m); mamurphy@ewu.edu

Ours is not a broad-based scholarship, but rather a focused one, so please ensure 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 Eastern Washington University students only and is non-transferable.

The 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 1st 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 occasionally 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 (1st 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. If selected for 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 the 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) Master’s degree candidates.

Mail completed application, by March 1st, to: RASF, P O Box 2674, Oak Harbor, WA 98277-2674

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Rural American Scholarship Application

Name: ________________________________

E-Mail: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

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(____) ___________  (____) ___________
  (home phone)  (cell phone)

Age: ________________________________

School:  Eastern Washington University

Major: ________________________________

Dependents: ________________________________  As of Date

Credits earned: __________________________  _______

Current/Cumulative GPA: _______/_______  _______

Earned income from 1040: $ ________________  _______

Current student loan debt: $ ________________  _______

Other financial obligations: $ ________________  _______
  (optional)

Previous RASF awards: $ ________________  _______

Along with this complete application, we require:
  • Copies of all academic transcripts
  • Copy of your current Federal tax return
  • Copy of your FAFSA including loan information
  • A succinct, hand-written autobiography. Describe yourself, how your experiences have shaped who you are, your hopes and dreams for the future. Also, 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 "rural" America and why you believe you qualify for this scholarship.

I agree that  Eastern Washington University  may release to RASF information regarding grades and financial status.

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  (signature)  (date)

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