

Ramona Food and Clothes Closet Foundation
FRESH START SCHOLARSHIP

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OVERVIEW

PURPOSE: An assistance program that will have long term impact on the individual and the community. To provide financial support for a person pursuing education beyond high school, influencing families towards greater financial independence, build self-confidence and self-reliance that will make a positive impact on the future of the community and the individual. Scholarships will be based on student qualifications, financial need and will apply to tuition and fees only.

NOMINEES: Residents within the Ramona Food & Clothes Closet's six areas of service which are Ramona, Julian, Santa Isabell, Warner Springs, Borrego Springs and Ranchita. All nominees must currently have their high school diploma, GED or use the scholarship to receive a GED from an accredited school and must be committed to continuing their academic careers.

RECIPIENTS(s) : Recipients of the award should be from a low or middle income family and have the commitment to complete a two-year college or vocational school curriculum. (Evaluated on a case by case basis as determined by the Scholarship Committee)

FUNDING: The Assistance Fund can be used to finance all or part of the program. If necessary, Thrift Store profits may be used to pay some or all of the program costs. Payments may be authorized up to the following amounts at the beginning of each semester enrollment:

\$500 for two-year college, trade school or adult education per semester
(maximum of four continuous semesters) up to \$2,000.

Any exceptions to the continuous semester hour requirement must be individually address to the Scholarship Committee.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applications are accepted year round at the Ramona Food and Clothes Closet, Inc. 773 Main Street, Ramona, CA 92065
2. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, disability or national origin.
3. All awarded funds are independently administered directly to the institution by the Ramona Food & Clothes Closet Foundation Scholarship Committee.
4. The Ramona Food & Clothes Closet Foundation reserves the right to interpret and review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.
5. Not all nominees will be selected as recipients and in some cases none of the nominees may be selected.

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SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Proof of enrollment as a student in an accredited community college, trade school or adult education program within **the State of California** leading to a diploma or certificate. (Any exceptions must be individually addressed to the Scholarship Committee)
2. High School, GED graduate or GED applicant residing in Ramona, Julian, Santa Isabel, Borrego Springs, Warner Springs and Ranchita.
3. GPA of 2.5 or higher.
4. Recipients of the award should be from a low or middle income family and have the commitment to complete a two-year college, vocational school or adult education curriculum. (Subject to evaluation on a case by case basis as determine by the Scholarship Committee.) All individuals are encouraged to apply.
5. All applicants are highly encouraged to volunteer at Ramona Food and Clothes Closet to understand and participate in the organization's purpose.

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DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Applicants should use the following checklist to insure the application contains all required documents and that they are in this order.

- _____ Completed Application Form (Page 7 through 10)
- _____ Copy of accepted enrollment from a community college, trade School or adult education program
- _____ Complete Formal Essay
- _____ Recommendation letters from two community relationships
- _____ Copy of current IRS Tax Return (or parent's if under 18) for the latest filing year or a copy of completed Form FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All Social Security numbers on tax return should be blocked out.
- _____ Photo (headshot)
Please write your name, school and graduation date, if applicable, on the back of photo and place it in an envelope. (School yearbook photo is acceptable.)

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APPLICANT ESSAY

The paper will be awarded points based on content, development, organization, language usage and style. Please remember to use your spell checker. (If for some reason you are unable to provide a typewritten essay, please contact the scholarship committee.)

1. Typewritten, double spaced
2. Minimum of 250, maximum of 500 words
3. Topic: Tell us your story and why you would like this scholarship.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

ADDRESS: _____
(number, street, zip code) (telephone #)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

YOUR GROSS ANNUAL INCOME: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION (if under 18 years of age)

FATHER: _____ ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATION COMPLETED BY FATHER: _____ GROSS ANNUAL INCOME: _____

MOTHER: _____ ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATION COMPLETED BY MOTHER: _____ GROSS ANNUAL INCOME: _____

OTHER FAMILY INFORMATION YOU DESIRE WE CONSIDER:

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HIGH SCHOOL/EDUCATION ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL/GE GRADUATION DATE: _____

NAME & LOCATION OF YOUR GRADUATING SCHOOL: _____

If none write "none."

List your participation in the following:

ACTIVITIES: _____

OFFICES HELD: _____

HONORS RECEIVED: _____

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES/HOURS: _____

COLLEGE or VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PLANS

INTENDED CAREER: _____

COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OR ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM: _____

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES:

TUITION: \$ _____ BOOKS/SUPPLIES: _____

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WORK EXPERIENCE
(paid or unpaid)

	EMPLOYER	DATES EMPLOYEED	JOB TITLE
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

(Attach recommendation letter from two community relations other than family members.)

1. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

2. NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

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RELEASE/AGREEMENT

I understand and agree that should I receive this scholarship, I will furnish a complete grade report and class schedule for next semester to the Scholarship Committee at the completion of each semester or quarter of school completed. I understand that grade report and next semester class schedule will be used in determining whether the scholarship is awarded for additional semesters/quarters. I further certify that all information and statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

(If under 18 years of age at least one parent or legal guardian signature required.)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

FATHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MOTHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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