

*Ramona Food & Clothes Closet Foundation*  
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**“COMMUNITY SPIRIT SCHOLARSHIP”**  
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**- OVERVIEW -**

**PURPOSE:** An assistance program that will have a long term impact on the individual and the community. To provide financial support for a person pursuing education beyond high school, to influence families towards greater financial independence, to 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:** Seniors and graduates who have received a high school or GED diploma from an accredited school are eligible. All nominees must currently live within our six areas of service which are Ramona, Julian, Santa Isabel, Warner Springs, Borrego Springs and Ranchita and must be committed to continuing their academic careers beyond high school.

**RECIPIENT(s):** Recipients of the award must be from a low or middle class income family, have demonstrated high academic potential, be a positive role model with leadership potential and have the high motivation necessary to succeed and complete a four-year college degree.

**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, made directly to the college, may be authorized in the following amounts at the beginning of each semester of full-time college enrollment:

- **\$1000 per semester for four-year** college or university students (maximum of eight continuous semesters) **up to \$8,000.**

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

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**- STUDENT APPLICATION –**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Check with the Ramona Food & Clothes for the deadlines. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
2. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, disability or national origin.
3. This program is independently administered 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 full-time student at an accredited college or university, leading to a four year college degree (can be online). Any exceptions must be individually addressed to the Scholarship Committee.
2. Student must reside in Ramona, Santa Ysabel, Julian, Ranchita, Warner Springs or Borrego Springs.
3. GPA of **3.0** or higher.
4. From a low-income or middle-income family (federal guidelines will be used)
5. Entire application must be received by the Ramona Food and Clothes Closet no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. 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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**- STUDENT APPLICATION -**

**DOCUMENT CHECK OFF LIST:**

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application Form (Pages 7 through 10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Acceptance Letter from a college or university
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Formal Essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation Letters from two of your current teachers or Community Leaders
- \_\_\_\_\_ High School Transcript with GPA or GED
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of current IRS Tax Return (or parents if under 19) or copy of completed Form 2012-13 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) All Social Security numbers on tax Returns to be blocked out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo (headshot)  
Please write your name, school and graduation date 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. The essay should demonstrate college and university writing preparedness, as well as originality. Please remember to use your spell checker.

1. Typewritten, double spaced
2. Minimum 250, maximum 500 words
3. Topic: Tell us about a talent, experience, contribution or personal quality you will bring to the educational institution you plan on attending. Include anything you would like us to know about you or your academic record that you have not had the opportunity to describe elsewhere in this application. Consider the following:
  - Academic achievement
  - Obstacles overcome in personal challenges
  - Demonstrated leadership
  - Involvement in community service



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**APPLICATION FORM**

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**HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & LOCATION OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY PLANS**

INTENDED CAREER: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

I PLAN TO LIVE: ON CAMPUS \_\_\_\_\_ AT HOME \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL EXPENSES:

TUITION \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BOOKS AND SUPPLIES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM & BOARD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER LARGE EXPENSES (explain) \_\_\_\_\_



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**WORK EXPERIENCE**  
(paid or unpaid)

EMPLOYER	DATES EMPLOYED	JOB TITLE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

**TEACHER or COMMUNITY LEADER RECOMMENDATIONS**

(Attach recommendation letters from two of your current Teachers or Community Leaders.)

1. TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_
2. TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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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 the 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 SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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