

Ramona Food & Clothes Closet, Inc.
“COMMUNITY SPIRIT 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 worthy student pursuing education beyond high school, to influence families towards greater financial independence, to build self confidence and 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 of high schools located within Ramona Food & Clothes Closet’s area of service as defined in our Mission

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Statement. Home schooled students from this area are also eligible to apply. All nominees must currently live within this area of service and must be committed to continuing their academic careers beyond high school.

RECIPIENT(s): Recipients of the award must have demonstrated high academic potential, be a positive role model with leadership potential, and have the high degree of motivation necessary to succeed and complete a four-year or two-year college or vocational school curriculum. The recipient of the award must be a highly motivated, low or middle income, student in his or her senior year in high school.

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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 in the following amounts at the beginning of each semester of full-time college enrollment:

- **\$2,250 for four-year** college or university students (maximum of eight continuous semesters)
- **\$500 for two-year** college or trade school students (maximum of four continuous semesters)

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Any exceptions to the continuous semester hour requirement must be individually addressed to the Selection/Review Committee.

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- SELECTION/REVIEW COMMITTEE –

Annually, in March, the Board of Directors shall determine, if and how much funding is available for continuing and/or new “Community Spirit Scholarships.” If funds are available, the board will appoint a selection/review committee consisting of designated board members of the Ramona Food & Clothes Closet. A minimum of five members should be appointed, with one of the members designated as committee chairperson.

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3. **Select scholarship recipient(s)** based on the teacher recommendations and student’s financial need, community service, commitment to their education, and how well they presented themselves during the interview.

4. **Second or Subsequent Term Students:** Meet with the student to review their written grade reports, volunteer community service hours at the Ramona Food & Clothes Closet, and class schedule for the following term. Insure that the student has maintained at least a 2.5

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grade point average and _____ is enrolled as a full-time student for the coming term.

4. **Authorize Payments:** Notify the Ramona Food & Clothes Closet General Manager to make payments for selectee(s) for _____ the fall and spring semesters. Payments will be mailed _____ direct to the appropriate educational institution.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Applications must be received at Ramona Food & Clothes Closet not later than the last day of July. **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 & Closet Scholarship Selection/Review Committee.

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4. The Ramona Food & Clothes Closet Inc. 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. Employees, including board of directors of Ramona Food & Clothes Closet Inc., its subsidiaries and affiliates and their families are not eligible for the award.
6. Not all nominees will be selected as recipients and in some cases none of the nominees may be selected.

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- STUDENT APPLICATION –

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Has been accepted for enrollment as a full-time student in a San Diego County college or university, community college or trade school in a program leading to a four or two year college degree or a diploma from a recognized vocational school. Any exceptions must be individually addressed to the Selection/Review Committee.

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2. Senior or graduate of a high school located in Ramona, Santa Ysabel, Julian, Ranchita, Warner Springs, or Borrego Springs. Home schooled students from these areas are also eligible to apply.
3. Must currently live in one of the areas noted above.
4. GPA of **2.5** or higher.
5. From a “**low-income**” or “**middle-income**” family (federal guidelines will be used)

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6. Minimum of **40 hours of volunteer community service** during preceding twelve months at the Ramona Food & Clothes Closet.

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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

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(pages 7, 8, & 9 of application directions)

_____ Copy of Acceptance Letter from a San Diego County college or university, community college or trade school

_____ Completed Formal Essay

_____ Recommendation Letters from two of your current teachers

_____ High School Transcript with GPA

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_____ Copy of Parent’s IRS Tax Return (latest filing year) or copy of
completed Form 2006-7 FAFSA (Free Application for
Federal Student Aid)

_____ Photo (headshot) (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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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

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that you have not had
in this application.

the opportunity to describe elsewhere
Consider the following:

- Academic achievement
- Obstacles overcome in personal challenges
- Demonstrated leadership
- Involvement in community service

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