

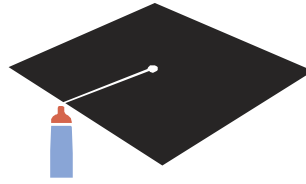
## UWSPSF Mission

It is the mission of the United Way Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Jasper & Newton Counties to enable single parents to attain self-sufficiency through post-secondary education.

The goal is to allow all economically disadvantaged single parents in Jasper and Newton Counties the opportunity to improve the quality of their lives and their children's lives through higher education.

Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, utility bills, car maintenance, childcare, or other financial needs that will allow the recipient the ability to pursue their educational goal.

Statistics show that a post-secondary education is one of the best weapons against poverty. The beneficiaries are not only scholarship recipients, but also their children and their communities.



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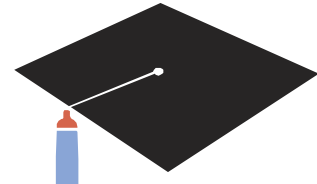
## How to Support UWSPSF

Scholarships are made possible through private Donations from individuals, businesses, and grants. Every gift is tax deductible and helps support single, impoverished parents in our community so they may improve the quality of their lives through higher education.

### For contribution information:

United Way Single Parent Scholarship Fund  
*of Jasper & Newton Counties*

United Way of Southwest Missouri  
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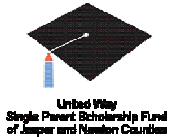


*Helping single parents become  
self-sufficient through post  
secondary education!*

## Why is UWSPSF needed?

The United Way Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Jasper & Newton Counties (UWSPSF) was established in 2006 to help impoverished single parents in our community.

Statistics in Jasper and Newton Counties show the area has a higher percentage of single-parent families below poverty level compared to the national average. These families are also headed by an individual with only a high school education.



The strategy is to work at the local level to provide incentive scholarships to those individuals who desire to earn a post-secondary degree or diploma through a college, university, or technical school program to obtain well-paying, skilled employment.

Community mentors are also available to participants to ensure that each individual stays in school and graduates.

UWSPSF was modeled after a successful program started in 1990 in Northwest Arkansas. Their fund has provided more than 11,000 scholarships statewide. Their program shows 85.5% of Single Parent Scholarship recipients remain in school or graduate – more than double the average for

## Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible for a Single Parent Scholarship, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

- Resident of Jasper or Newton County
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Single head of household (single, separated, divorced, widowed) with custody of children under the age of 18
- Applying for or recipient of a federal Pell Grant with proof of status
- Evidence of financial need
- Pursuing a career-oriented, full-time course of study at a post-secondary institution of higher learning



### For application and contribution information:

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## Comments from Recipients

“...using the 3.0 or above GPA bonus to start a savings account for my daughter so she might have the means to have a good college education in the future.”

“The timing could not have been more perfect. It arrived shortly after Christmas in between semesters. I was able to use the money for living expenses plus purchase school supplies for myself.”

“The Fall Scholarship I received helped me to buy school clothes, school supplies, and send my second oldest son off for his first year of college.”

“My scholarship helped me get caught up on my bills for the month.”

## The United Way Single Parent Scholarship Fund is...

“... a group of people who ask me to be accountable for myself and to set goals for the future when I wasn't sure I had one.”

“... hope where you thought there was none.”

“... a hand reaching out to pull you up as you sink under for the last time.”

“... the heat that kept my children warm in their beds at night as I sat up doing homework.”