



Reading
Scholarship
Foundation inc.

POST OFFICE BOX 492/ READING, MASSACHUSETTS 01867

December 2017

Dear Applicant:

The Reading Scholarship Foundation Inc. (**RSF**) provides financial assistance to selected students who are continuing their full-time education. The amount of these awards is determined primarily on the basis of need. The applicant's, as well as the family's, financial resources are considered in this decision. RSF will determine eligibility for a scholarship based on the information provided on the application and information from the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. That information is your **Student Aid Report (SAR)** which includes your **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**. An example of this information is located on the last page of this **RSF** application.

If you are now in:	Then you need to...
High School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Sections I, II, and IV of the attached Student Application. 2. Attach a copy of the required information from your <u>2018-2019 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)</u>. A sample of the information we require is attached. 3. Mail the completed Student Application and a copy of your FAFSA SAR information to the address on the Student Application. <p><u>The application and SAR information must have a USPS postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2018.</u></p>
College	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Sections I, III, and IV of the attached Student Application. 2. Attach a copy of last year's financial aid award letter from the school you attended. 3. Attach a copy of the required information from your <u>2018-2019 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)</u>. A sample of the information we require is attached. 4. Mail the completed Student Application, a copy of your financial aid letter and a copy of your FAFSA SAR information to the address on the Student Application. <p><u>The application and SAR information must have a USPS postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2018.</u></p>

Additionally, high school seniors and college transfer students will need to complete an Application Supplement. RSF will mail the Application Supplement in **April 2018**. Applicants need to complete and postmark the Application by the date indicated on the Application Supplement.

Applications that do not meet the requirements or deadlines will be rejected. All information submitted to RSF is held in strict confidence. Applications are numbered upon receipt and all family names are deleted to assure anonymity.

The Awards Committee will carefully review all the information supplied in the application as well as from the FAFSA SAR. This will include any special family or business circumstances you include with the application. The Awards Committee will notify all applicants by mail when a decision has been made concerning their application.

For further information or questions, we may be reached at scholarships@readingsf.org

Sincerely,

Ren O'Connell
Awards Committee Chair

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2018 STUDENT APPLICATION**

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Any Reading resident who is currently a high school senior OR is pursuing an undergraduate degree,
- Any non-Reading resident who is a senior at Reading Memorial High School AND has been enrolled as a full-time student for a period of at least three years.

APPLICATION COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- The appropriate three pages of the Student Application must be completed and a copy of the required information from your 2018-2019 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). A sample of the information we require is attached. Mail the information to:

**Reading Scholarship Foundation Inc.
Attention: Awards Committee
PO Box 492
Reading, MA 01867
(scholarships@readingsf.org)**

- The Application and required documents **must have a USPS postmarked no later than Friday, March 2, 2018.**
- College students must submit a copy of their financial aid award letter for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- All high school seniors and college transfer students are required to complete an Application Supplement showing their final college selection. The Application Supplement will be mailed to you by RSF in **April 2018** and must be returned to RSF by the date cited in the Application Supplement.

SECTION I: CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

This section of the application is for identification purposes only. The Awards Committee will **NOT** have access to this page. To assure complete objectivity, your application is assigned a control number. **DO NOT** write your name or anyone else's name on any of the other pages of this application. Please write legibly.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ Home TEL#: _____
HOME ADDRESS: _____ Cell #: _____
APPLICANT'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____ Parent Cell/Tel#: _____
PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S EMAIL ADDRESS _____

STATEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND APPLICANT

We declare to the best of our knowledge the information reported on this form is true and complete. We further agree to provide any verifying information, including U. S. Income Tax Returns, upon the request of Reading Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR RSF USE ONLY:

Control Number

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NOTE: Use the reverse side of this sheet should you require additional space.

SECTION II

ONLY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS COMPLETE THIS SECTION

1. What high school are you currently attending? _____
2. What is your first choice of college for which a scholarship is requested?
 - a) College: _____ City & State: _____
 - b) Acceptance Status Accepted Pending
 - c) Housing Status: Commuter Resident Off Campus Housing

3. Work Experience:

TYPE OF WORK	EMPLOYER	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT

IMPORTANT:

- a) **Attach a copy of the required information from your 2018-2019 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).** A sample of the required SAR information is attached.
- b) **Also include a copy of your financial aid award letter from last year (September 2017–May 2018).** If you did not qualify to receive financial aid last year, you must enclose documentation of the denial.
- c) The application **must have a USPS postmarked no later than March 2, 2018.** All documents must be received or the applicant will be disqualified.

NOTE:

- a) High school seniors will also be required to complete an Application Supplement showing their final college selection.
- b) The Application Supplement will be mailed by RSF in **April 2018** and must be returned to RSF by the date found in the Application Supplement.

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SECTION III

ONLY COLLEGE AND COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS COMPLETE THIS SECTION

1. What high school did you attend? _____
2. What college are you currently attending?
 _____ City & State: _____
3. What year are you currently in? Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____
4. What is your first choice of college for which a scholarship is requested?
 a) College: _____ City & State: _____
 b) Acceptance Status: Accepted Pending
 Enrolled Transfer
 c) Housing Status: Commuter Resident Off Campus Housing
5. What is your current major? _____
6. Did you apply for financial aid from the college you are planning to attend? _____ Yes _____ No
 If "No", state why not: _____
7. Work Experience:

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- c) The application **must have a USPS postmarked no later than March 2, 2018.** All documents must be received or the applicant will be disqualified.

NOTE:

- a) College transfer applicants will also be required to complete an Application Supplement showing their final college selection.
- b) The Application Supplement will be mailed by RSF in **April 2018** and must be returned to RSF by the date found in the Application Supplement.

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SECTION IV

ALL APPLICANTS COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- 1. Check one: Male Female
- 2. Will you be enrolled for the entire 2018 – 2019 academic year? Yes No
If No, what number of semesters will you be enrolled? # _____
- 3. Please check all of the following that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended _____ Elementary School | <input type="checkbox"/> Participated in Reading Youth Softball, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parishioner at St. Athanasius Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Participated in Reading Youth Baseball, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended Sandra Lane Nursery School | <input type="checkbox"/> Played RMHS Baseball, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended Little Treasures Schoolhouse | <input type="checkbox"/> Played RMHS Lacrosse, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Played in RMHS band or sang in RMHS Chorus | <input type="checkbox"/> Played RHMS Hockey, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child/grandchild of a veteran of the US Armed Forces | <input type="checkbox"/> Played RMHS Varsity Soccer, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participated in the Reading Co-operative Bank Retail Banking Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Played RMHS football, for which years? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Played in the Reading Babe Ruth League Spring Program, for which years? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Participated in Pop Warner Football, for which years? _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Participated in Pop Warner Cheerleading, for which years? _____ |

- 4. What is the total number of family members who will be attending college **full-time** in the next academic year? ____
- 5. Please check if you are planning a course of study in any of the following fields:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Graphics Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Horticulture | <input type="checkbox"/> Music (minor or Major) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Latin or French | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Ecology | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Related | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine or Social Work | <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English or Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Electronics/Astronomy | | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Field (Please state) _____ | | | |

- 6. List your membership and participation in school and community organizations/activities. Where appropriate, indicate any leadership roles you may have had.

- 7. Explain any special family or business circumstances that the awards committee should consider:



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STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR) - REQUIRED INFORMATION

It is not necessary to provide a copy of your entire SAR report with the application. Reading Scholarship Foundation requires a copy of the page in the SAR that shows the EFC amount. The arrow in the sample below illustrates the information we require.



2015-2016

Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	01/09/2015	XXX-XX-5678
Processed Date:	01/10/2015	EFC: 001056
		DRN: 1234



Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC)*.

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 001056. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

There is a limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive, which is the equivalent of 6 school years. Once a total amount of Pell Grant eligibility has been received, a student can no longer receive Pell Grant aid.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page. You must use your Federal Student Aid PIN to access your record online. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.

You were issued a Federal Student Aid PIN to sign your 2015-2016 FAFSA. Your information has been verified and your PIN has been confirmed. Do not share your PIN with anyone. Remember that your PIN stays the same from year to year and that you can use your PIN to make corrections, add school codes, view your federal student loan history, and electronically sign your Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note. For more information on the PIN, visit www.pin.ed.gov.