

RAISE THE NATION®

STUDENT LOAN GRANT APPLICATION

Below is a checklist that is designed to ensure that all applicants send in a complete application. You will only be required to send in the application fee once. Please mark and include this coversheet with your application.

- Completed application form
- Completed answers to the questions under the “Tell us your story” section
- Top portion of the most recent tax return filed (this provides proof of head of household filing status)
- Proof of degree received (either a photocopy of the diploma or a transcript – if sending a transcript, please include a copy of the transcript in your application, this copy may be unofficial – copies mailed separately will render an application incomplete)
- Proof of wages
- Application fee - \$20 (Must be a cashiers check, money order or credit card. Personal checks will no longer be accepted. Your application will be considered incomplete if you send a personal check. You may pay by credit card through our website, www.raisethenation.org using PayPal. If choosing to pay by credit card, note in the comment box “Application fee for (Insert name)” and please include a copy of the completed transaction page (the receipt) with your application.)

Please send completed application to:

Raise the Nation
P.O. Box 8058
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198

If you should need further assistance, please see our Frequently Asked Questions page on our website, www.raisethenation.org. If you still need assistance, please e-mail our support desk at supportdesk@raisethenation.org. You will be able to view information regarding whether or not we received your complete application on our web page beginning May 15, 2007. Please allow 30-60 days after you submitted your application for information to be posted. We will use your initials and the last four digits of your social security number to identify your application. You are responsible for updating your information when it changes. If you fail to do this, we will not be able to contact you when an award is available.

Application Policies

Please initial below attesting that you have read and understand the following policies:

Our scholarship and grant recipients are selected based on a scoring system developed by our Board of Directors. This scoring system is intended to select those applicants who exhibit accomplishment or potential with respect to personal development, community leadership or participation, and academic achievement. Note that we do not request that you provide your G.P.A.. We understand that your academic performance does not necessarily reflect your abilities to be an outstanding individual.

Please be sure to submit a complete application. Incomplete applications will be discarded and you will have to resubmit one in full to be considered for an award. Regrettably, as of November 1, 2006, we are no longer able to waive application fees. So please be sure to include that as part of your complete application.

Please do not send your application registered or certified mail as this consumes our time to work on other important tasks. You may request delivery confirmation for your package, as it does not require our signature for delivery and allows you to know that your application was delivered. If you mail your application through registered or certified mail, it will not be considered complete and you will have to resubmit your application along with an additional application fee

Because of the limited number of volunteers we have, we cannot contact every applicant individually when we receive their application. Applicants are notified when they are awarded a scholarship or grant and we will also list recipients on our website. If you do not receive an award for the period in which you are applying, you may apply again. You will need to resubmit your complete application so we encourage you to make copies of the documents you submit.

Please remember that our ability to give scholarships and grants depends on our fundraising success. You can help by asking your friends and family to help to support your education and independence goals through donations. You can also donate to Raise the Nation - we encourage every single parent woman to give at least \$1.

Initial here _____

Student Loan Grant Application

Personal Information

Application Cycle Fall _____ 20 _____ Spring _____ 20 _____

Name _____ SS# (last 4 digits) _____

Date of birth _____ E-mail address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Work Phone _____

Place of Employment _____

Salary* (must be verified by the most current pay stub) _____

*Please see the income requirements on our website to make sure that you qualify

If Self Employed – (Provide narrative of the last 6 months income)

Grant Information

Degree Earned: _____ AA _____ BA _____ BS _____ MA _____ MBA _____ MFA _____ Ph.D. _____ Other

(Please list other degree here) _____

Field of Study you received a degree in _____

Is this field of study defined as the Helping Profession or Teaching Profession? _____

Student Loan Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Case/ID Number _____

Loan Amount _____

Tell us your story

We want to know more about you and your educational or career plan. These questions are designed to guide you in revealing your strengths and communicating your goals. Please limit your answers, for each question, to 250 words (about half of a typed page).

1. Why did you pursue this area of study?
2. How does your education affect you as an individual and as a mother?
3. Have you participated in any activities that contribute to your community? If yes, what and for how long?
4. What are some of your outstanding qualities that you feel contribute to your success as a single parent woman?
5. Please list some ideas you have for how you can support Raise the Nation and single parent women in your community.

The following information is for this Foundation to better serve you. It is not required information and will have no bearing on your eligibility for financial assistance.

Number of years as a single parent: _____

Do you have a degree? _____ Level of education: _____

_____ Never Married _____ Divorced _____ Separated _____ Widowed

Number of children in the home and their age's _____

Did/Do you receive child support? _____

_____ 20% of the time _____ 50% of the time _____ 80% of the time _____ 100%

Did/do you receive the full amount awarded you? _____

Have you ever received State Assistance? _____

What kind of assistance and for how long? _____

Does your household have a computer? _____ Are you online? _____

Do you own your home? _____

Are you Registered to Vote? _____

Release of Information:

I give Raise The Nation permission to use my story including the following information: _____ My full name
(print full name) _____

_____ My first name (print first name) _____

_____ The town and State that I live in (print) _____

_____ You can use my story but I want my name and identifying information removed

I understand that I may void this release in writing at any time. And that if my full name and story are to be used in a press release that I be notified of said press release prior to it's publication.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

_____ I do not give permission for Raise The Nation to use my story or any information about me for their fund raising purposes.