

# FRED M. RILEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Thank you for your interest in the Fred M. Riley Foundation Birth Parent Scholarship Fund. We appreciate the opportunity to support you in reaching your academic goals.*

Eligible Expenses Include:

- Application Fees
- Tuition
- Books
- Fees to obtain a General Education Development Certificate (GED)
- Trade or Technical Training Courses (such as CNA, welding, childcare, etc.)

## Criteria for Application

1. Application must be a birth parent that has placed a child for adoption. **The birth parent must be at least one year out from their adoptive placement.**
2. Applications and supporting material must be received three months prior to the start of classes to ensure processing. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail, and the scholarship will be sent to the school noted on your application for the next term. In most cases, funds are paid directly to the educational institution, however, they can be paid to the birth parent in rare circumstances. This depends on circumstances and documentation.
3. The applicant must apply for the scholarship. Applications cannot be accepted from a third party.
4. Applications require proof of part-time or full-time enrollment or the intention of enrollment in an educational institution or trade school to qualify for consideration. Documentation of enrollment could include:
  - Notification from the registrar's office
  - Class schedule that includes your name and ID number
  - A letter of acceptance from your school, training institution, or trade school

Prior to funds being disbursed, verification of enrollment must be received.

5. Applicants must have a current C (2.5 or higher) grade point average.
6. Each applicant must submit an essay of approximately 400 words that includes responses to the following questions:
  - How did you become a birth parent?
  - What is your biggest challenge as a birth parent student?
  - What does your education mean to you and your family?
  - What are your goals for the future?
  - How will this scholarship make a difference in your life?
  - Why do you feel you should be awarded this scholarship?

We must have verification of the adoptive placement from the adoption professional that facilitated your adoption (such as a copy of the Termination of Parental Rights).

***\*\*\*Limited funds are available for each calendar year. All applications will be processed in the order they are received. Applications will be taken until all funds for the year have been disbursed.\*\*\****

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**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names and Birthdates of Children Living With You:**

Name: _____	Birthdate: _____
Name: _____	Birthdate: _____
Name: _____	Birthdate: _____
Name: _____	Birthdate: _____
Name: _____	Birthdate: _____

**ADOPTION INFORMATION**

Date Parental Rights Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoptive Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Adoption: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Adoption Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Attorney's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Adoption Agency/Facilitator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Facilitator Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Agency/Facilitator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR TRADE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Name of Accredited Institution or School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor or Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Cost (per semester): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Fee Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Book/Materials Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Amount Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Program Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL INCOME INFORMATION**

*Please indicated total yearly income amounts earned or received during the last calendar year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please complete all entries, indicating "O" or "N/A" where appropriate. Use your best estimates of income.*

Income Earned (Including from business if self-employed)	\$ _____
Income Earned by Spouse (if applicable)	\$ _____
Social Security Benefits Received by Student	\$ _____
Aid to Families with Dependent Children Benefits Received by Student	\$ _____
Child Support Received by Student for Dependent Children	\$ _____
Other Income Received by Student (and Spouse)	\$ _____
Interest/Dividends	\$ _____

**\*\*\*Please attach a copy of your last W-2 form or a copy of the first two pages of your last year's tax return. If you can't attach the file, please send it by mail.\*\*\***

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

*I attest that the information provided in this scholarship application is complete and accurate.*

Name of Applicant (signed)

Date

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**FINAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Please mail, fax, or e-mail your application and supporting documents to:

**Fred M. Riley Foundation Birth Parent Scholarship Fund  
Attention: Steve Sunday  
3946 Summer Ridge Road  
Morgan, Utah 84050**

**Phone: (801) 821-1354**

**Fax: (801) 906-2175**

**E-mail: [info@saferdownstream.org](mailto:info@saferdownstream.org)**

**\*\*\*REMEMBER TO INCLUDE:**

- Letter or Statement from the Registrar's Office as proof of enrollment or acceptance at your place of education.
- Transcripts or grade reports from your high school or college showing a 2.0 or above grade point average.
- Proof of adoption from your adoption agency, attorney, or court.
- Completed Scholarship Application
- Signed form certifying the information on your application is complete and accurate
- W-2 or Tax Return documents
- Copy of your Driver License or State Issued Identification Card
- An Essay of approximately 400 words that includes your answers to the following questions:
  1. How did you become a birth parent?
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