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## STELLA HARRIS OAKS HORIZONS OF HOPE SINGLE-PARENT SCHOLARSHIP LDS BUSINESS COLLEGE

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### The Need

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 28 percent of children now live with just one parent, a huge rise from 1970 when 12 percent were raised by single parents. In 1970, the number of single-parent families with children under the age of 18 was 3.8 million. By 1990, the number had more than doubled to 9.7 million. One in four children are born to an unmarried mother. Another 40 percent of children under 18 will experience parental breakup.

Ninety percent of single-parent families are headed by females. Not surprisingly, single mothers with dependent children have the highest poverty rate. Approximately 60 percent of U.S. children living in mother-only families are impoverished, compared with only 11 percent of two-parent families. Mother-only families are more likely to be poor because of the lower earning capacity of women. The median annual income for female-headed households with children under six years old is roughly one-fourth that of two-parent families.

### The Hope

LDS Business College has developed an approach to help single parents, especially women, improve their earning potential. Single parents enrolled at the College use scholarship funds to pay tuition, books, and other expenses. The students enroll in one of six career-oriented programs: accounting, business, computers, medical careers, interior design, or office technology. For the past 10 years, the College has successfully placed 90 percent of its graduates.

In their first semester, students study math, learning techniques, career exploration, interpersonal communication, writing, computers, and religion. In addition, faculty and staff members serve as mentors for the students. At present, Karen Peterson, Dean of Students and a former single parent, serves as the principle mentor.

Before enrolling, all students must meet with their LDS bishop and agree to live by the College's Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Code. This interface with the bishop and commitment to live by the Honor Code gives single parents a spiritual framework that greatly improves their chances for success.

### The Horizon

To date, most single parents who have earned a degree or certificate at the College have improved their earning ability and their future income potential. More importantly, they have graduated with hope, confidence, and determination.

We have seen the positive effects in the lives of single parents of a two-year, career-based education provided in a spiritual setting. We are committed to doing all within our means to provide them every possible opportunity for success.

## HORIZONS OF HOPE INFORMATION SHEET

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Why this scholarship?	The scholarship was established to help single heads of household improve their ability to provide economically for their families.
Who provides the scholarship?	Private donors committed to helping single parents.
Who qualifies?	Single parents with at least one dependent child (under 18) living at home who have enrolled in the College and who have received proper ecclesiastical endorsements. Applicants should be enrolled in a career-based program.
What is the criteria?	Financial need and admission to the College.
What can the funds be used for?	Tuition, books, and related educational expenses up to \$1,500 per semester.
Class load required?	Generally, recipients are expected to attend two semesters each year as a full-time student. Exceptions are made for special circumstances.
Must I attend all year?	Awards are given for Fall and Winter semesters.
Is there supervision?	Recipients are assigned to a mentor. One meeting per semester with the Director of Student Support is required.
Why a letter from my bishop?	Your bishop and your ward can guide and support you as you juggle your many responsibilities.
Are awards available for more than one year?	Award recipients in one year will be given first consideration in subsequent years, but there is no guarantee.
Are there performance requirements?	Recipients must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA and meet each semester with their assigned mentor.
What if I get married?	Congratulations. However, because this scholarship is restricted to single parents, funding will end the semester after marriage.
What if I have questions?	Contact: LDS Business College Single Parent Scholarship Scholarship Office 95 North 300 West Salt Lake City, UT 84101 (801) 524-8158

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# HORIZONS OF HOPE SINGLE-PARENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Please attach to this application a one- to two-paragraph personal statement addressing: (1) your educational and career plans, (2) your financial situation, and (3) relevant life experiences.*

NAME: LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
DAY PHONE	EVENING PHONE	FAX
TIME AT CURRENT ADDRESS:		
SEMESTER INTENDING TO START: <input type="radio"/> FALL (AUGUST) <input type="radio"/> WINTER (JANUARY)		YEAR

## Demographic Information

DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
DEPENDENTS' NAMES (and birth dates if 16 or over)		AGES
LDS WARD	STAKE	
BISHOP	TELEPHONE	
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY: DATE RECEIVED</b>		<b>APPLICATION COMPLETE</b> <b>STUDENT NUMBER</b>
COMMITTEE REVIEW DATE	COMMITTEE ACTION	
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD		AMOUNT
APPLICANT NOTIFIED	APPLICANT ACCEPTANCE	

## Financial Information

*List per-month income amounts.*

EMPLOYMENT (COMPANY)	HOURS PER WEEK	SALARAY/WAGE	ANNUAL INCOME
CHILD SUPPORT/ALIMONY	STATE HELP/SOCIAL SECURITY	FOOD STAMPS	OTHER

*List in-kind income per month.*

HOUSING	FOOD	CHILDCARE
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*List monthly expenses.*

HOUSING	FOOD	DAYCARE	UTILITIES
PHONE	TRANSPORTATION	MEDICAL	OTHER

## Educational Information

HIGH SCHOOL	1 YEAR <input type="radio"/>	2 YEARS <input type="radio"/>	3 YEARS <input type="radio"/>	4 YEARS <input type="radio"/>	GED <input type="radio"/>
WHERE ATTENDED (CITY, STATE)	LAST YEAR ATTENDED				
CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	IF YES, WHERE?				
PROGRAM OF STUDY	CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED				
STUDENT STATUS <input type="radio"/> ½ TIME <input type="radio"/> ¾ TIME <input type="radio"/> FULL TIME					
NAME(S) OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR DEPARTMENTS WHO ARE PROVIDING YOU WITH EDUCATIONAL ADVISEMENT					
<i>List forms and amounts of educational assistance you are receiving per semester:</i>					
PELL GRANT	SCHOLARSHIPS	VOC REHAB	LOANS		
JTPA	VETERANS	OTHER			

## Certification

*I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is true and correct. I understand that if my application is not complete, it will not be considered. I understand the performance requirements for the single-parent scholarship for which I am applying.*

SIGNATURE	DATE
Remember to attach: <input type="radio"/> PERSONAL STATEMENT <input type="radio"/> COLLEGE OR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS, OR GED <input type="radio"/> FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL AID (FAFSA) <input type="radio"/> BISHOP'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION AND PART 3 OF ENROLLMENT APPLICATION (BISHOP SHOULD SEND DIRECTLY TO LDSBC)	Submit your completed application or questions to: LDS BUSINESS COLLEGE SINGLE-PARENT SCHOLARSHIP SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE 411 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111-1392 (801) 524-8158

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# HORIZONS OF HOPE SINGLE-PARENT SCHOLARSHIP BISHOP'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

*This should be completed by the applicant's bishop.*

The purpose of this scholarship is to help fund single parents in educational programs that improve their ability to provide for themselves and their family. We would appreciate your candid opinion of the applicant's (1) motivation for study, (2) seriousness of purpose, (3) level of church activity, (4) current church activity, and (5) any other pertinent information. Please also note how long you have known the applicant.

APPLICANT'S NAME		
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION		
BISHOP'S SIGNATURE		DATE
WARD	STAKE	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE/ZIP
DAY PHONE	EVENING PHONE	CHURCH PHONE

*Please return this letter in a sealed envelope to:*  
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# HORIZONS OF HOPE SINGLE-PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Please address the following in your personal statement: (1) your educational and career plan; include the program you wish to study and whether you plan to attend full time or part time, (2) your financial situation, and (3) relevant life experiences.

APPLICANT'S NAME

PERSONAL STATEMENT