

**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP**

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

What type of degree are you seeking? (Circle One) MASTERS DOCTORATE

Please list each of your children who are *currently receiving child care* and their ages:

Please list the name and contact information for your child care provider:

Name & Address: _____

Provider Phone Number: _____

What are your average *weekly* expenses for child care (attach proof of expenses) \$ _____

How many credits are you registered for this semester? _____

What is your TOTAL student loan debt? (see below) _____

Have you received child care grants or scholarships in the past from ANY source? YES NO

If so, how much? _____

Are you a single parent? YES NO

Do you have a graduate assistantship? YES NO

Do you have a university provided work-study contract? YES NO

How many hours a week do you work? _____

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

1. Please submit a 1-page letter of application indicating your need for an award and any special circumstances you would like us to consider.
2. A photocopy of your child care provider's license or a brief letter from your provider (on letterhead/stationary) proclaiming the details of his/her license.
3. A copy of a recent child care bill and/or letter from provider on stationary showing projected expenses.
4. Most Recent Income Tax Return
5. Copy of the most recent W-2 form (and for spouse, if applicable).
6. A current (within 3 months) pay stub (and for spouse, if applicable).
7. Proof of any other income (e.g. child support payments).
8. Attach proof of student loan debt (see attached for a quick way to find out your total debt).
9. A copy of your current semester schedule.

You also may include any other supporting documents that you feel would help your application.

I certify that all information contained in this application is true, to the best of my knowledge, and I hereby authorize the UNR Graduate Student Association to investigate all facts on this application, including contacting my child care provider to verify the accuracy of the information contained in this application. I understand that deliberate false statements will result in the immediate rejection of this application and revocation of any future awards. (THIS APPLICATION MUST BE NOTARIZED)

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

GSA CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DETAILS

Why a Child Care Scholarship?

In order to help promote new applicants, graduation rates, and retention for graduate students who have children, the UNR Graduate Student Association (GSA) intends to supplement limited amounts of funding available elsewhere, such as through the Child and Family Resource Center.

Who will be eligible and how will the awards be decided?

Eligible students must be enrolled in a graduate program, carry a minimum 3.0 GPA, and be registered for nine credits, or six credits and an assistantship. They must have a child enrolled in a Nevada state LICENSED child care facility or provider.

The awards will be chosen on the basis of need. Work-study hours and employment will be taken into consideration. *Priority will be given to new applicants, those taking more credits, single income families, and those with the most financial need.*

How will it be administered?

Each semester, GSA will review applications and verify child care expenses. We will propose a list of 5 scholarship recipients, notify the recipients, and submit the information to the scholarship office. After verifying the impact on a student's financial aid, the scholarship office will advise the student to either accept or decline the award. If accepted, a check will be sent to the student, which is not taxed as long as it does not exceed the cost of tuition. Most scholarships \$500 or under will likely not cause the amending of a student's financial aid package.

What are the deadlines?

Applications must be received in the GSA office (JTSU 218) by 5 p.m. **October 15** for the Fall Semester, and **March 15** for the Spring Semester. Applications may be mailed to GSA, Mail Stop 0057, UNR, Reno, NV, 89557. Absolutely no late applications will be considered.

Will students be eligible for more than 1 semester?

Students will be eligible for up to two semesters for master's programs and four semesters for doctoral study, however, priority will be given to new applicants. New applications must be submitted for each semester.

What proof is required?

1) Completed application form and additional letter of application (2 pages max); 2) recent W-2 forms and current pay stubs for both spouses, 3) most recent income tax return, 4) proof of the student's current schedule showing number of credits taken, 5) a printout verifying past and present financial aid package (available to all students online), 6) proof and independent verification of day care expense.

MORE INFORMATION:

For more information about our other award programs, visit our website at www.unr.edu/gsa, call 775-327-5190, or stop by Jot Travis Student Union rooms 218.