

Rawan Online School: Need-Blind Scholarship Procedure

This procedure is for newly admitted students who have been accepted to Rawan Online School but require financial assistance to cover the bi-monthly tuition fee of 1,000 Afghani (AFN).

Our Need-Blind policy ensures that your financial status is kept separate from your admission decision, guaranteeing that students accepted based on merit can attend regardless of their economic background.

I. Understanding Need-Blind Aid

The scholarship is based strictly on demonstrated financial need, not academic merit (which was already assessed during the admission process). Aid is typically awarded in the form of a **Grant** which does not need to be repaid.

II. Step-by-Step Application Process

Students seeking financial aid must complete the following steps within **14 days** of receiving their official acceptance letter.

Step 1: Access the Financial Aid Form

1. Log into your Rawan Online School Applicant Portal.
2. Navigate to the "**Financial Aid & Scholarship**" tab.
3. Complete the secure **Need-Blind Aid Application Form (NAAF)**.

The NAAF will require basic household and income information to determine the level of financial need.

Step 2: Prepare Required Financial Documents

You must submit verifiable documentation that accurately reflects your family's financial situation. Please digitize (scan or take a clear photo of) the following:

- **A. Statement of Household:** A letter, signed by the head of the household, detailing the number of family members supported by the household's income.
- **B. Income Verification (Select One or More):**
 - Official pay slips, salary statements, or income verification letters for the past three months (if employed formally).
 - Official letter from a local community elder (*Malik*) or local council (*Shura*) confirming unemployment status, source of income (e.g., farming, small trade), or general economic situation.
- **C. Unusual Circumstances (Optional but Recommended):** Any documentation supporting major ongoing expenses, such as significant medical costs, proof of displacement, or dependency on humanitarian aid.

Step 3: Write a Letter of Need (Required)

The student must submit a brief, confidential letter (maximum 500 words) addressing the Financial Aid Committee. This letter should clearly explain:

1. The specific reasons why the family cannot afford the 1,000 AFN bi-monthly fee.
2. The impact that this scholarship and access to online education would have on the student's future.
3. Any specific challenges (e.g., lack of reliable internet, shared devices) that may affect the cost of attendance beyond the tuition fee.

Step 4: Submission and Review

1. Upload all documents (Financial Aid Form, Financial Documents, and Letter of Need) to the secure portal.
2. The Financial Aid Committee will review the application.
3. **Timeline:** The committee aims to notify applicants of their scholarship decision (Full Scholarship, Partial Scholarship, or No Aid) within **10 business days** of receiving a complete application.

III. Continuation of Aid

Scholarship recipients must maintain a satisfactory academic and conduct record to remain eligible for the grant in subsequent academic periods. Students are required to **reapply annually** or when there is a significant change in the family's financial situation.