

The William H. Andrews/Housing Authority of Winston-Salem Scholarship Guidelines

DEADLINE: March 31

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

The scholarship was established in 1992 to assist with the cost of post-secondary undergraduate education for residents living in housing owned or managed by the Housing Authority of the City of Winston-Salem. Both traditional age and non-traditional age students are given consideration. It is the mission of the scholarship to encourage and enable residents of public housing and Section Eight housing to pursue their education in an accredited post-secondary school.

CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- be listed on the lease of the property owned or managed by HAWS
- be eligible for admission to an accredited post-secondary school in an approved program of study
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at time of initial application (college students with a history of poor college grades, but who have not been in college in the last two years, will be evaluated on a case by case basis)
- demonstrate evidence of community involvement or school activities including any awards or leadership roles

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The online application is available on The Winston-Salem Foundation's Web site at www.wsfoundation.org/students. The following items must be submitted to the Foundation by deadline:

- the online application (complete all sections thoroughly)
- signed signature page
- one recommendation as described in the application
- graduating high school seniors must provide a grade transcript through first semester 12th grade
- adult students must provide most current college grade transcript or a high school grade transcript if college never attended
- attend an interview with the selection committee if so advised

SELECTION PROCESS:

A scholarship committee of The Winston-Salem Foundation will review scholarship applications and select recipients. The application and all supplemental materials must be received by the deadline of March 31 in order to receive consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The selection committee reserves the right to rescind an award should a recipient's circumstances change such as failure to graduate from high school or failure to enroll at an accredited institution. The Foundation reserves the right to withhold the award in the event no applicants meet the qualifications.

PAYMENT PROCESS:

Once a recipient has been selected a scholarship check will be issued jointly to the college and the recipient and mailed to the college's financial aid office. A copy of the letter that accompanies the check will be mailed to the recipient. Separate checks are issued for fall and spring semesters. Check processing requires approximately two weeks. Currently, the maximum amount a recipient may be awarded is \$1000 yearly for those attending four-year institutions and \$500 for those attending two-year institutions.

RENEWAL PROCESS

Recipients receiving renewal awards must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. In addition, traditional age students must be enrolled full time each semester (minimum of 12 hours.) Non-traditional age students are encouraged to be enrolled full-time, but must be enrolled a minimum of six hours each semester. An official academic year-end grade transcript must be provided to the scholarship coordinator.

Once the grade transcript has been reviewed and verified for continued eligibility by the coordinator, scholarship checks will be processed by the Foundation. The scholarship selection committee reserves the right to decline approval of renewing awards for those students who do not meet renewal requirements.

The scholarship may be awarded for a maximum of four consecutive years. This includes those transferring from two-year institutions to four-year institutions..

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS:

This scholarship fund is administered by The Winston-Salem Foundation. Award amounts and number of awards are determined by available funds, applicant's program of study, and recommendation of selection committee.

Questions regarding technical assistance with the online application may be directed to The Winston-Salem Foundation's Student Aid Department at (336) 714-3445 or Edna.Barker at wsfoundation.org.