

Mary Rowena Cooper Scholarship Guidelines

DEADLINE: March 31

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide need-based financial aid for students seeking degrees, certificates, or diplomas at vocational/technical schools, colleges, or universities. Preference will be given to children of Vietnam veterans.

CRITERIA:

To be considered, applicants must:

- have a family adjusted gross income within the [table](#) guidelines ([table](#) is based on up to 330% above the federal poverty level)
- have achieved a current cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0
- must be enrolled a minimum of six credit hours/semester during the academic year in a program leading to a first time two or four year degree, certificate, or diploma from an accredited institution which participates in the federal student aid program
- be a U.S. citizen (required for many funds)
- be a child of a living or deceased Vietnam veteran

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Students must complete an application each year. The number of years an individual may repeat an application may be limited. Maximums are set on dollar amounts offered annually and cumulatively to any individual.

Funding is not usually available for out of country study.

The following items are required to complete the application process:

- submittal of completed application and signed signature page (deadline 3/31)
- signed copy of parents'/guardians'/family's previous year's 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ income tax return (for dependent students) (deadline 4/15)
- signed copy of applicant's previous year's tax return (deadline 4/15)
- official high school grade transcript through at least 1st semester of the 12th grade (deadline 3/31) or year-end college grade transcript (deadline 7/31), whichever is the most recent, (request from the school's Registrar and forward to the Foundation)

APPLICATION PROCESS (cont):

- copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) if applicant has applied for federal aid (deadline 7/31)
- copy of the financial aid award letter (deadline 7/31)
- interview if so advised

No aid will be offered until the Foundation has reviewed this information. Please submit the application on-line and follow with additional items as soon as you receive them. Please note the deadlines to receive the items listed above.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Once the application and all materials have been received, they will be reviewed for a decision by the Foundation's Student Aid Committee at one of its scheduled meetings.

PAYMENT PROCESS

Once recipients have been selected scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the college and the recipients and mailed to the recipients' home address for delivery to the college's financial aid office. Separate checks are issued for fall and spring semesters. Check processing requires approximately two weeks.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS:

This scholarship fund is administered by The Winston-Salem Foundation. Anyone can contribute to the fund at any time. Gifts should be clearly designated for this scholarship and mailed directly to the Foundation. Questions regarding the scholarship may be directed to The Winston-Salem Foundation's Student Aid Department.