

Mary Rowena Cooper Scholarship Guidelines

DEADLINE: August 15

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial aid for children of veterans who served in Vietnam. The scholarship is for students seeking degrees, certificates, or diplomas at vocational/technical schools, colleges, or universities.

CRITERIA:

To be considered, applicants must:

- have a family adjusted gross income of [up to 300% above the Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)
- 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 veteran who served in Vietnam

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:

- online application completed thoroughly
- signed Certification Signature page
- official high school grade transcript through at least first semester of the 12th grade or year-end college grade transcript, whichever is the most recent, (request from the school's Registrar and forward to the Foundation)
- signed copy of family federal tax return from previous year (if a dependent student)
- signed copy of applicant's federal tax return from previous year

APPLICATION PROCESS (cont):

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

The application and all supplemental materials must be received by the Foundation by the deadline in order to receive consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A scholarship committee of The Winston-Salem Foundation will review all completed scholarship applications and select recipients. The 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 that no applicants are deemed to meet the qualifications.

PAYMENT PROCESS

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

MANAGEMENT OF FUND:

This scholarship fund is administered by The Winston-Salem Foundation. Questions regarding the scholarship may be directed to The Winston-Salem Foundation's Student Aid Department at (336) 714-3445 or Edna.Barker@wsfoundation.org.