

Law Enforcement Family Scholarship Guidelines

DEADLINE: April 15

DESCRIPTION:

The Law Enforcement Family Scholarship was established in 1994 to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are dependent children of active/payroll personnel of the Winston-Salem Police Department or Forsyth Municipal ABC Law Enforcement. Initially, the scholarship may provide six renewable awards each year in the amount of \$500 each to students who will pursue full-time undergraduate degrees from accredited post-secondary institutions. Three awards will be based on demonstrated financial need and three awards will be based on merit, which will be defined as the highest comparative GPA through the first semester senior year. Ideally, recipients will be chosen from the following areas:

- Two from sworn personnel
- Two from civilian personnel
- Two from the community at large (from the Foundation's pool of students)

CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- be residents of Forsyth County
- be graduating high school seniors
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- be a dependent child of active/payroll personnel of the Winston-Salem Police Department or Forsyth Municipal ABC Law Enforcement (or selected from Foundation applicants)

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 in full
- signed Certification Signature page
- high school grade transcript through the first semester of 12th grade
- signed copy of student's federal tax return from previous year
- signed copy of parents' federal tax return from previous year

The application and all supplemental materials must be received by the deadline indicated 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 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 recipient(s) have been selected, checks will be issued jointly to the college and to the recipient, and will be mailed to the recipient's home address for the student to deliver to the college's financial aid office. Separate checks will be issued for fall and spring semesters. Check processing requires approximately two weeks.

RENEWAL PROCESS:

Awards are renewable for three additional consecutive years if recipient maintains full-time enrollment and a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.0 as verified by the year-end academic grade transcript. Recipient must request an official grade transcript from the college's Registrar and forward it to the Foundation by July 1 each year. Any student failing to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at academic year-end may be considered again for renewal at the end of the next academic year. Consideration for renewal must not exceed the initial duration of the scholarship.

MANAGEMENT OF FUND:

The Law Enforcement Family Scholarship is administered by The Winston-Salem Foundation. As the fund grows, the number and dollar amount of scholarships may be increased. Questions regarding this scholarship may be directed to The Winston-Salem Foundation's Student Aid Department at (336) 714-3445 or StudentAid@wsfoundation.org.