

Mary Rowena Cooper Scholarship Guidelines

DEADLINE: August 15

DESCRIPTION:

The Mary Rowena Cooper Scholarship was established in January 1998 to provide financial aid for children of veterans who served in Vietnam. The non-renewable scholarship is for students seeking degrees, certificates, or diplomas at vocational/technical schools, colleges, or universities. Award amounts vary and are based on financial need.

CRITERIA:

To receive consideration, applicants must:

- have achieved a current cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0
- be enrolled a minimum of six credit hours/semester during the academic year
- be a U.S. citizen
- 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
- 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
- parents' federal tax return from previous year (if a dependent student)
- applicant's federal tax return from previous year
- copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) if applicant has applied for federal aid
- copy of the financial aid award letter
- verification of parent's military service (military discharge papers will be acceptable)

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 Student Aid committee of The Winston-Salem Foundation will 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.

MANAGEMENT OF FUND:

The Mary Rowena Cooper 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.